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U.K. miners seek ballot on strike

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — Backing away from an immediate stoppage, leaders of Britain's 204,000 miners Thursday called for a rank-and-file vote on whether to stage a nationwide strike over a threatened closure of Welsh mines.

Arthur Scargill, left-wing leader of the National Union of Mineworkers, announced the decision to reporters after an emergency meeting of the union's 27-member executive committee.

The left-dominated committee had been expected to back Scargill's call for a national strike Sunday night without balloting the membership.

But after the 1-2-hour meeting at union headquarters, Scargill emerged to say that the committee instead had decided "in the best interests of the union" to ballot its members Tuesday.

He said the committee had unanimously recommended "industrial action to prevent the closure, or partial closure, of any pit, plant or unit other than on grounds of exhaustion."

Scargill said the committee gave its support to 23,000 Welsh miners already on strike in protest over the planned closure of the highly unprofitable south Wales mine, Lewis Merthyr, in July. About 200 Welsh miners demonstrated outside the meeting in favor of a strike.

Scargill, staunch critic of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, said he expected rank-and-file members to give overwhelming support for a nationwide strike. It would be Britain's first nationwide coal strike since 1974, when a month-long walkout helped topple former Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath.

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Rawlings survives another coup bid

ABIDJAN, March 3 (Agencies) — Ghanaian security forces are hunting the leaders of a foiled coup plot, the third attempt in five months to topple the 14-month-old revolutionary government of Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings.

Accra radio monitored in Abidjan Wednesday night said nine soldiers were arrested on Sunday in the Ghanaian capital in a house full of arms and ammunition. They were preparing to kill Rawlings and top aides and seize power, the radio said.

The radio said there was a link between a coup attempt last November and this one, adding that the ringleaders were still at large.

A speech to be read out on state radio in the event of the coup succeeding, documents detailing money given to the plotters and a list of assassination targets including the Ghanaian leader were found in the house in the Achimota area of Accra.

Two soldiers involved in the plot were hurt in shooting, the radio said. Achimota is the site of Ghana's most famous school, which Rawlings attended as a boy, informed sources said.

Police are seeking the alleged plot leaders, named as Maj. Akanson and Lt. Col. Abidoh, the radio said.

A third ringleader was named by the radio as Dr. Ishmael Antwi. It said Dr. Antwi and his wife Stephanie, an Afro-American, were wanted by the authorities. The radio said Dr. Antwi held an American passport issued in the name of Roberto Figueroa Dominguez.

Ghana is suffering severe economic problems, dramatized by national shortages of basic items like bread and soap, which have created a mood of political instability.

After foiling two coup attempts last October and November Rawlings appeared to have tightened his political grip and bolstered his personal authority. But diplomats had never ruled out the possibility of further challenges to his regime.

Observers said that Sunday's attempted coup was the most serious threat that the Rawlings regime has faced so far. The November coup attempt took place in the Burma Military Camp in Accra and resulted in the resignation of Gen. Joseph Nunoo-Mensah from his two positions as army chief of staff and member of the PNDC. Gen. Nunoo-Mensah, who was a member of the moderate faction in the ruling elite, said the nation had fallen into political, social and economic chaos and that any hope of improving the situation was doubtful.

Bacteria blamed for infertility

BOSTON, March 3 (AP) — A common, easily curable bacterial infection appears to be a major cause of infertility, and treating it may allow many childless couples to have families, researchers show.

The bacteria is often passed through sexual contact, and its symptoms are so mild that most victims do not realize they have it.

Dr. Attila Toth said about one-third of all childless couples seen at his infertility clinic at New York Hospital have this infection. His study showed that when the infection is cured with antibiotics, 60 percent of the couples are able to achieve pregnancy within three years.

The culprit is a germ called mycoplasma or ureaplasma urealyticum, which invades the genital tract in both men and women.

At least 15 percent of all married couples in the United States are infertile, and Toth says, "it's my belief that at least half of all infertility cases are due to infection, and a large percentage of these are due to mycoplasma."

Toth's study was published in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. A second study on the bacteria, directed by Dr. Gail H. Cassell at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, was also published in the journal.

In the New York study, the doctors used culture testing to reveal the infection in 161 men whose wives had not been able to become pregnant. Both partners were given the antibiotic doxycycline, and the drug wiped out the bacteria in 80 percent of the cases.

In the next three years, 60 percent of those couples who had been freed of the infection were able to get pregnant, compared with 5 percent of those who still had the infection.

Toth said other drugs are also effective against the bacteria, and doctors eventually are able to clear up the infection in all but 2 or 3 percent of the cases.

Kingdom-Pakistan security accord on cards -- Naif

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 3 — Interior Minister Prince Naif said here Thursday that his government hopes to sign a mutual security agreement with Pakistan in the near future.

Speaking in an interview with *Al Bilad* newspaper Prince Naif said his recent visit to Pakistan covered all aspects of mutual security between the two countries. He held talks with President Zia and other senior officials and hopes to achieve even more progress during the forthcoming visit of the Pakistani interior minister to the Kingdom.

Saudi Arabia has signed similar treaties with other countries, including the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman which are members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, as well as with Morocco.

A general security agreement binding all members of the GCC is still pending on account of objections raised by Kuwait regarding the right of hot pursuit which may take the security forces of one country deep into the territory of another.

Asked about the recruitment of foreign manpower to work here Prince Naif said the present procedures have been simplified and cannot be made any easier. But he hoped to see a reduction in the number of expatriates coming here.

He emphatically denied that the government was planning to confine recruitment to Arab states only. "We prefer to limit our manpower requirements to Arab and Islamic states," he said. "It would be nice if we can do that, but we are obliged to look to other countries for certain kinds of personnel," he added.

Sun sets on Elizabeth suit

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — A unique damage suit by Britain's royal family was settled out of court Wednesday after a newspaper admitted it had no right to print the backstairs gossip of a palace servant.

A palace spokesman said that Queen Elizabeth II, who is touring in California, had been kept informed.

A statement from the palace announced the settlement in the suit against Kieran Kenny, a former stores clerk in royal employ, and the tabloid *Sun* newspaper.

On Feb. 21, the daily ran one installment of Kenny's tales under the headline: "World exclusive: Queen Koo's romps at the palace." It was then stopped from printing any more by a high court injunction obtained by the queen's deputy treasurer, Russell Wood.

The offending article told how Prince Andrew's girlfriend, American Actress Koo Stark, raided the royal pantry, gave orders to the staff and helped herself to the queen's favorite chocolates.

A promised second article, "Tomorrow: When barefoot Di buttered my toast," never appeared because of the injunction.

Wednesday's palace statement said Kenny had "given an undertaking not to make any further breaches of confidentiality" and will pay to a nominated charity the 100 pounds (\$150) he received from the newspaper.

"As a mark of its regret," *Sun* owners News Group Ltd. will pay to the newspaper press fund 4,000 pounds (\$6,000) and all the palace's legal costs, the statement said.

The queen is patron of the fund, which makes grants and pensions to newspaper workers and their families.

The *Sun*, controlled by Australian publisher Rupert Murdoch, had earlier said it would vigorously contest the action. "But tonight's statement makes it plain that the palace has come off better in the end," reported *Grania Forbes*, court correspondent of Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency.

The legal action claimed damages from Kenny and the publishers for disclosing details of life among the royals because Kenny, like all palace servants, signed a secrecy oath when he got his job in March 1981.

Assam comes under martial law

GAUHATI, March 3 (AFP) — Martial law was imposed Thursday in seven out of the 10 districts in riot-torn Assam state, where native Assamese have launched a drive against immigrants from neighboring Bangladesh and Nepal.

An official announcement said army units had been sent into the districts to keep order along with the police and the state civil administration, in terms of the Assam Disturbed Areas Act.

While Home Minister Prakash Chandra Sethi spoke of 33 deaths in incidents over the past 24 hours, correspondents here put the number at 39. Unofficial counts put the number of dead in violence in the past three weeks at more than 3,500 while official figures stand at 1,546.

Sethi estimated that 230,000 refugees had crossed from Assam into neighboring West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh during the recent violence.

The army was authorized to take draconian measures to repress violence.

Rift in Kohl's alliance surfaces as poll draws near

BONN, March 3 (R) — As West Germany entered the final run-up to Sunday's general election, official figures Thursday showed total unemployment surpassing 2.5 million for the first time and a rift within Chancellor Helmut Kohl's right-center alliance broke into the open.

With a major televised debate scheduled for Thursday night among the leaders of the four main political parties, both left and right tried to make political capital out of the employment figures for February released Thursday by the federal labor office in Nuremberg.

The conservative government of Kohl said a much slower rate of increase between January and February — 50,000 against a rise of 270,000 between December and January — showed that economic recovery had begun.

But the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) called February's total of 2.54 million unemployed alarming and forecast that the figure would reach three million by the end of the year if government policy remained unchanged.

The February figures represented 10.4 percent of the labor force — about the same as that in the United States, but generally better than most West European industrialized nations.

Unemployment, which was already over 1.8 million when Kohl's alliance took over in October from Helmut Schmidt's left-center coalition is the biggest domestic campaign issue.

The SPD has blamed the government's free market policies for much of the increase. But the conservatives have replied that they inherited a situation created by SPD misrule and that further increases were inevitable before an expected economic revival in the second half of this year.

Federal Labor Office President Josef Stügel said the February increase was largely caused by a period of cold weather which curtailed outdoors employment.

Officials of Kohl's Christian Democratic Party (CDU) said this proved there was no unexpected increase in the number of jobless during the period.

An announcement Wednesday that industrial production in West Germany rose sharply by four percent in January was further proof that the economy was turning round, they said.

The SPD said in a statement it was particularly alarming that, according to Thursday's official employment figures, there were only 81,700 job vacancies.

As the employment figures were being released, rifts within the Kohl alliance broke into the open when Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann publicly proposed his controversial Bavarian colleague, Franz Josef Strauss, as the next foreign minister.

Zimmermann told the Munich Press Club Strauss would be in a strong position to replace present Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher even if Genscher's small liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) gained the five percent vote it needed to stay in parliament.

Progress claimed OPEC aides debate pricing, production

LONDON, March 3 (Agencies) — A mini-summit of eight OPEC oil chiefs in London made some progress on prices and production quotas Thursday, but was adjourned after five hours and will resume Friday, the oil ministers said.

"Don't you see that I'm happy," said Libyan Oil Minister Kamal Hassan Maghur as he left the talks, held at the Grosvenor Square home of United Arab Emirates Minister Mana Said Oteiba. Oteiba acknowledged that both pricing and production were discussed.

Algerian Minister Belkacem Nabi also expressed optimism. Asked the status of the talks, aimed at averting a free-for-all in world oil trading, he said: "They progress well."

But Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said simply, "we shall speak tomorrow."

Of the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Iran was the only major producer not represented.

A Mexican Embassy spokesman said a representative of non-OPEC Mexico was also in London as an observer although he was not actively involved in Thursday's discussions. OPEC has sought the cooperation of Mexico as a major producer in support of a stable world pricing system.

Conference sources said the outcome of the London talks, expected to last two days, would determine whether or not OPEC called a full emergency session, probably next week, to draw up agreement on prices and output.

Oil analysts believe that if the London talks fail to produce a consensus, next week's OPEC conference could be scrapped and a price-cutting war would ensue that could initially knock as much as \$7 a barrel off the price of OPEC oil.

Most OPEC members have abandoned efforts to maintain the existing \$34 a barrel reference price for OPEC oil and are understood to be aiming for a new price of between \$29 and \$30 in line with dwindling world demand.

Indonesian Minister Dr. Subroto said before Thursday's talks he had a figure in mind for a new OPEC oil price but added: "I'm not going to reveal it prematurely."

Thursday's talks, which included a working lunch, involved almost all the key ministers in the exporter group, among them Sheikh Yamani and Maghur.

Libya has in the past aligned itself on oil policy with Iran, OPEC's second largest producer after Saudi Arabia. Iranian sources said Thursday their Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi was in Tehran and Iran would not be represented in London.

Despite charges that Iran has undercut OPEC official prices in order to grab an unfair share of the market, Iranian officials have stressed over the past week that they are not prepared to negotiate a reduction of the \$34 benchmark.

The choice of London as a venue for the mini-OPEC conference caused speculation that the organization wanted to put further pressure on Britain, the largest North Sea producer, to cooperate with OPEC on regulating the world oil market.

British Energy Department officials said Thursday they knew of no meetings scheduled with OPEC ministers. A source close to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Wednesday OPEC should not try to involve the British government in its affairs.

Koestler, wife found dead

LONDON, March 3 (Agencies) — Arthur Koestler author of *Darkness at Noon*, the widely acclaimed novel of the Stalin purges, and his wife were found dead Thursday in what police called an apparent double suicide.

Police sources said Koestler, 77, and his wife apparently took an overdose of drugs. The sources said Koestler was believed to have been suffering from leukemia and Parkinson's disease.

Police officers were summoned to the Koestler home by a maid and found the bodies of the author and his wife, Cynthia in separate chairs in the living room, a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, said the maid also had found a note, the contents of which were not disclosed. Mrs. Koestler was in her 50s.

Koestler, born in Hungary but later naturalized as a British citizen, published *Darkness at Noon* in 1940. At the time, it was heralded as the most important political novel of a generation.

The account of an old Bolshevik arrested in the late 1930s Stalinist purges, in which more than 20 million people were believed to have perished, opened the eyes of many left-wing intellectuals in America and Europe to the realities of the Soviet Union under Josef Stalin.

U.S. leads in technology

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — The United States leads the Soviet Union by a 15-1 margin in basic technologies that "have the potential for significantly changing the military balance in the next 10 to 20 years," a Defense Department report says.

One of the key technologies in which the United States still is ahead of the Soviet Union involves development of "stealth" bombers, cruise missiles and fighter bombers that would be virtually invisible to Soviet radar, the report indicated.

"This indicates that the United States has maintained its lead in most of the basic technologies critical to defense, although the Soviets are eroding the lead in some of the basic technologies," said Rear Admiral Delauer, undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, in his annual report prepared for Congress.

According to Delauer, the Soviets are spending nearly twice as much as the United States to close what he called the "technology gap."

The proposed U.S. fiscal 1984 budget calls for \$23.5 billion for research, an increase of \$4.8 billion over this year.

A chart included in the report rated the Soviet Union ahead of the United States only in conventional warheads and ammunition, including chemical explosives.

Intruder held in Beatrix palace

THE HAGUE, March 3 (AP) — A 20-year-old intruder was arrested by police Wednesday night in the palace of Queen Beatrix, the government information service announced Thursday.

The man, who police said was disoriented, told them he was "looking for William of Orange," the founder of the modern Dutch state, who lived from 1533 to 1584.

The intruder was found about 9:30 p.m. local time (2000 GMT) in a first-floor room of a utility and administration wing of the palace, according to Henk Bax, spokesman for the royal house.

Greens sue CDU

BONN, March 3 (AP) — The anti-NATO Greens Party filed a suit for slander against the general secretary of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) Wednesday, just four days before national elections here.

In a television program Tuesday, Christian Democrat General Secretary Heiner Geissler inferred that the Greens were financed in part by Communist East Germany.

Geissler, defending charges that his own party had accepted donations from large corporations, said, "all in all, I would rather receive a donation from a German firm than from Communist East Germany."

During the program, a panel discussion among members of the major political parties here, Geissler declined to retract his statement.

Basic goods subsidies to continue

RIYADH, March 3 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian government will continue, for years to come, to subsidize the basic commodities for its citizens, Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim has said. He added that essential goods were still being sold at 1973 prices.

Non-subsidized goods, the minister said, can be found in the market at different prices, depending on the shipment dates and relative prices and currency exchange rates, storage costs and other factors. But Dr. Solaim pointed out that the state dealt severely with merchants who overprice goods. He said the individual's annual income in recent years has outstripped the rate of inflation as a result of Saudi Arabia's economic policies and anti-inflation drive.

Meanwhile, *Al-Mesa'yyah* reported Wednesday evening that the Commerce Ministry was examining the possibility of abolishing the official price for meat established when the supply live meat was scarce and the price high. The ministry is keen on ensuring a fair price for live meat without depriving the merchant of a reasonable profit.

Haj panel views plan of action

JEDDAH, March 3 — The Higher Board of Supervision of the Pilgrimage Research Center of Ummal Qura University has met here under its chairman Interior Minister Prince Naif.

Wednesday's meeting was attended by Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, the minister of higher education; Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, the minister of pilgrimage and endowments; Dr. Abdullah Nassif, the rector of King Abdul Aziz University; Dr. Rashid Al-Rajeh, the rector of Ummal Qura; and Sami Anqawi, the director of the center.

Talks dealt with the center's new plan of action; the development of the center; and other important topics. The meeting also examined a number of studies and research documents, particularly on the prevention of fires during the Haj. Prince Naif then toured the center, together with Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy, and attended a lunch given in his honor there.

Naif also told newsmen that the center was now a complete, integrated project despite its young age. He said that the facility was a real data bank for all that concerns pilgrimage. He added that the draft by-laws of the ministerial committee supervising the center will soon be discussed and approved.



IDB PRESENTATION: The Saudi Arabian Cultural Society Wednesday night held a special presentation in honor of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank and delegation members who participated in the seventh annual session of the IDB Board of Governors. The presentation, which was held at the Information Center Hall, featured among others, the Nejd dance. Picture shows, IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali (fourth from right) and other members of the board of governors joining in the Nejd dance.

Over 250 physicians participating

Heat stroke seminar opens tomorrow

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 3 — More than 250 physicians from various universities and hospitals in the Kingdom and abroad will participate in the first Heat Stroke and Temperature Regulation Symposium scheduled to start at the Meridien Hotel here Saturday.

The four-day symposium, organized by the Health Ministry, will open with a speech by Western Region Health Affairs Director General Dr. Nazih Hassan Nasif at 9.00 a.m. The first session at 11.00 a.m., will outline the workshop program, to be followed by talks on the heat stroke and its contributing factors and the organizational setup for

detecting, screening and treating the heat disorder, particularly during the Hajj period in the Kingdom.

Participating in the workshop program will be specialists from the Health Ministry hospitals: faculty of medicine at King Faisal University, Dammam; King Saud University, Riyadh; King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah; Abha Faculty of Medicine; King Fahd Medical Research Center; Hajj Research Center and number of specialists from the United States, Canada, Australia, France, West Germany, Britain and Kuwait.

The symposium will discuss major problems facing the health sector in the next 15 years, particularly the heat stroke and the related complications during pilgrimage.

Gulf Meridien reservation computerized

By Shahid Orakzi
Alkhobar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, March 3 — The Gulf Meridien Hotel Alkhobar has been linked to the computerized reservation system of Air France which will enable the hotel management to get room reservation for its checking out customers in any of the 45 Meridien hotels worldwide.

"Confirmation of reservations with Meridien will now take only a few seconds," Assistant Sales Manager Patrick Mouchahani told *Arab News*. He said the Gulf Meridien was one of the three Meridiens in the Middle East to have been connected to the worldwide communication network of Air France. The other two Meridien hotels in the Middle East to benefit from the network,

about 4,800 terminals worldwide in 1,500 sales offices in 306 cities, are Meridien Cairo and Meridien Abu Dhabi.

Mouchahani said the new system, in operation since Feb. 19, will also ensure better service to local travel agencies by increased efficiency and accurate information on any Meridien hotel since the computerized service gives detailed description of all rates, facilities, sports and services in the system.

The connection will allow the Meridien chain, a subsidiary of the French national airline company, to benefit from the worldwide commercial sales force of Air France as a support to its own. "It would allow us to give a better service to the guests by knowing their whole travel schedule," Mouchahani said.

King stresses collective prayers

MAKKAH, March 3 — King Fahd has urged all ministries, government departments and public institutions to perform collective prayers regularly, *Al-Mesa'yyah* reported Wednesday evening, quoting *Okaz*.

The King said in a circular that the senior officials of each ministry, government departments and public institutions should give the example to their staff.

King Fahd said that a certain laxity was noted recently to the extent that certain officials were overtly showing that they did not join in collective prayers. "Even in some ministries and government departments the senior officials were providing bad example for the junior staff who imitated them in leaving the prayers."

"More over certain firms, establishments, shops and exhibition halls were not organizing or even paying any attention to prayer services, despite previous public warnings," the King said.

King Fahd, who is also the servant of the two Harams, said that all civil servants and employees should be urged to pray, and the importance of praying should be reiterated all the time, so as not to give a chance to undisciplined persons to indulge in that abominable misgiving, (fleeing one of the most sacred religious duties) in a country which was the cradle of divine inspiration and the birthplace of the Messenger of Allah.

King Fahd therefore urged all senior officials to pray in unison with their personnel on time, and not to relinquish this duty under any pretext. He also sent a note to the Commerce Ministry asking it to inform all national and foreign companies and establishments that they should see to it that their Muslim staff maintain the prayer tradition. King Fahd also directed the Presidency of the Board for the Encouragement of Virtue and the Elimination of Vice to use "reasonable firmness" to incite people to fulfill the prayer tenet.

Minister OKs poultry projects

RIYADH, March 3 — Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, has licensed more poultry projects in various parts of Saudi Arabia, *Al-Riyadh* reported Thursday.

The first SR6.8 million project in Al-Kharj calls for the production of 17,146,800 eggs annually. The second SR12.8 million table meat chicken project in the same area will produce 1,477,440 chickens a year. The third SR5.4 million project in the Eastern Province will produce 11,616,000 eggs per year.

A fourth SR3.9 million project in Al-Muzahemeyyah will produce 64,800 table meat chickens a year.

IDB to study Fahd's plea for Islamic common market

JEDDAH, March 3 (SPA) — King Fahd's call for the creation of an Islamic common market will be discussed by the Islamic Development Bank, the Chairman of the IDB's Board of Governors Salem Mussaidah has announced here. Speaking at a press conference Wednesday, Mussaidah expressed the hope that such a market would be established, saying it embodied joint Islamic action.

He also told reporters, in the presence of IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, that the existence of financial establishments in the Islamic world on the bank's pattern

constituted one of the ways to bring about full economic integration among Muslim countries.

Islamic banks set up in a number of Muslim countries have proved successful, he said, adding that these banks had played a positive role in the field of development and accordingly the IDB sought to cooperate with them.

Dr. Ali said it was the IDB's responsibility to provide as much aid and loans as possible to member states to enable them to face their economic difficulties. He added that the bank always sought to support development projects as much as it could in all parts of the Islamic world.

Sunday last day for buying livestock company's shares

By S. Sidahmed
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 3 — Sunday, March 6, has been fixed as the last day for subscribers to buy the shares of the Saudi Arabian Livestock and Trading Co. The company became public following a decision by the Commerce Ministry last month.

The SR500 million firm sets for itself the goal of breaking the monopoly of the big cities and aims at transporting cattle and meat to consumers all over the Kingdom. Priority has been given to establishing an efficient transport system which will start with 25 trucks of a multipurpose design to carry containers, fodder as well as cattle.

Twenty-four leading Saudi Arabian firms and businessmen have subscribed to the con-

stituent SR200 million initial capital. The list includes the Saudi Arabian National Maritime Transport Company, Salih Al-Abdul Aziz Al-Rajhi, the International Food Company, Yousef Ahmad Kanoo, Abdul Aziz Al-Jumail and others.

Out of the SR200 million paid by the subscribers, SR118.4 million were paid in kind, 25 percent will be paid in cash, while the remaining 25 percent will be paid before the closing business hours Sunday.

The capital has been divided into five million equal shares, each worth SR100. Subscribers can buy a minimum of five shares and a maximum of 1,000 and pay 50 percent of the amount immediately. Shareholders should be Saudi and there will be a ban on transfer of shares for 24 months.

BRIEFS

Lebanon's medical needs
BEIRUT (SPA) — A report on Lebanon's medical needs will be submitted to the upcoming Arab health ministers' conference, due to take place in Abu Dhabi, to take the necessary measures, Abdul-Ghani Ashi, secretary-general of the Jeddah-based Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Society said here. He told SPA that the report was prepared by a committee chaired by him. The committee was entrusted to prepare the report by the Arab health

ministers executive bureau members who met in Riyadh in January.

UPM rector in Sanaa
SANAA (SPA) — University of Petroleum and Minerals Rector Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr arrived here Thursday on a visit to North Yemen at the invitation of Sanaa University. Dr. Bakr said he would acquaint himself with the help and technical studies required for the reconstruction of devastated areas in North Yemen as a result of earthquakes which shook the country.

Prayer Times

Friday	Makkah	Medinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:15	5:17	4:49	4:36	5:01	5:31
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:33	12:34	12:05	11:52	12:16	12:46
Asr (Afternoon)	3:55	3:55	3:26	3:13	3:37	4:06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:27	6:26	5:57	5:43	6:08	6:36
Isha (Night)	7:57	7:56	7:27	7:13	7:38	8:07

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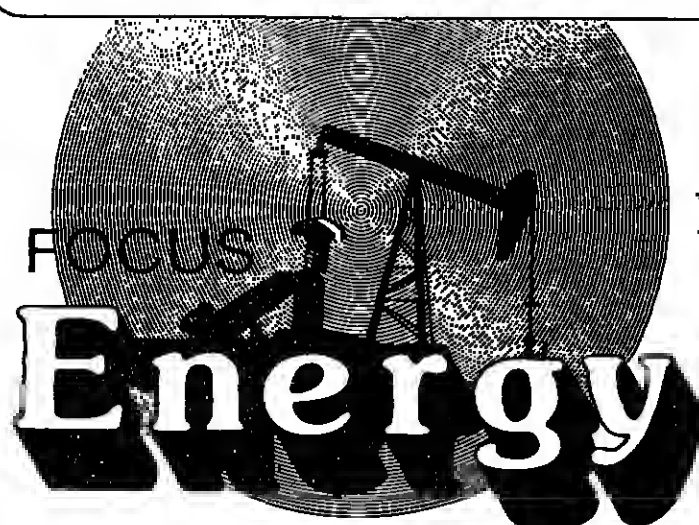
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Carter says Israeli invasion of Lebanon obstacle to peace

Lays stress on homeland for Palestinians

CAIRO, March 3 (AFP) — The Camp David accords remain "an excellent base for peace in the Middle East," former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said here Thursday during a tour of the Middle East.

In an interview in *Al-Akhar* newspaper, Carter said the Israeli invasion of Lebanon was the main obstacle to peace in the Middle East and the presence of Israeli troops an additional problem.

Defending the Camp David accords, he stressed the need for the Arab countries to recognize Israel and for Israel to recognize a homeland for the Palestinians.

But he said he would prefer for any Palestinian state not to be independent, because it could become extremist and fall under Libyan or Soviet influence.

He said he would like to see a link established between the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza with Jordan, but he could not comment on what President Ronald Reagan meant with his recent proposition to create a "Palestinian homeland".

He expressed his hope that Syria would withdraw its troops from Lebanon, "after or at the same time as Israel". Syria would realize that excessive dependence on the Soviet Union was not a wise position, he said.

Egyptian-Israeli relations, he said, would improve after an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Carter, who met here with both Prime Minister Fuad Mohieddin and President



CARTER IN CAIRO: Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak seen holding talks in Cairo.

Hosni Mubarak, said the improvement would mainly be in trade and tourist domains.

The Egyptian policy of holding out a hand to its Arab brothers was wise, said Carter, who arrived here Tuesday on the first stage of a Middle East trip which will also take him to Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

Carter, along with late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, worked out the Camp David framework agreement which led to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in 1978.

He also met here Wednesday with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, who arrived here Tuesday to inform Egyptian leaders of developments at Israeli-Lebanese negotiations.

Carter's statements that Israeli settlements on the West Bank are illegal and that he will meet with Palestinian officials have been greeted favorably here.

But on Tuesday Carter seemed to retreat from statements he made to *Penthouse* magazine, an American publication, that he was thinking of meeting Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat.

He said such a meeting would not be suitable until the PLO recognize both Israel's right to exist and United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

There have also been rumors here that Carter might replace Habib as the special presidential envoy.

Yaqub plays down forthcoming Zia-Indira talks

ISLAMABAD, March 3 (AP) — Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan played down the significance of the forthcoming talks between Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India and Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

"One should not expect much from the meetings to be held between President Zia and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during the nonaligned summit," Yaqub Khan told reporters at Lahore airport Wednesday before leaving for New Delhi where he will attend the summit of the nonaligned movement. "This will not be an occasion for discussing bilateral issues."

The foreign minister's statement contradicts earlier expectations voiced by Foreign Ministry officials in Islamabad who had said they believed the process of concluding a peace treaty or a nonaggression pact between India and Pakistan would be carried out when Zia, who will lead the Pakistani delegation at the summit, meet Indira in New Delhi. Pakistan and India exchanged two drafts of the proposed pact several months ago.

"During their meeting in New Delhi, the two leaders will not specifically discuss bilateral issues," but they will talk on matters concerning the nonaligned summit, Yaqub Khan said.

Diplomatic observers here said Wednesday they believed that the playing down of the forthcoming Zia-Indira meeting is a result of remarks attributed to the Indian leader regarding her previous contacts with Zia.

In another development the Iranian consul general in Karachi, Muhammad Ali Sadeqi Niakari, abruptly left with his family for Tehran on Tuesday night, according to Iranian diplomatic circles. Officials of the Pakistani foreign office would not comment on the matter.

Niakari was accused by some Sunni leaders of openly taking part in the conflict between the Sunni and Shia sects in Karachi during recent weeks. One of the demands put forward before the government by the Sunni leaders was "expulsion by the government of Pakistan of the Iranian consul general in Karachi because of his active participation in the activities of Shia organizations and delivering speeches from the Shia platforms."

Record quantity of heroin seized

ISLAMABAD, March 3 (Agencies) — Customs officials claimed Wednesday to have seized the largest single consignment of heroin in the world.

They said they confiscated 421 kilograms of Heroin at Jamrud, 192 kilometers northwest of Islamabad Wednesday. Customs officer Jehangir Khan estimated the street value of the drugs in Europe at \$192.3 million.

"The seizure has broken the all-time world record of 396 kilograms of heroin" seized on Dec. 22, 1982, Khan told reporters. He referred to a consignment of heroin intercepted at Warsak, near Jamrud in Northwestern Pakistan.

Khan said the drug was being smuggled from the tribal area along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, and was destined for Europe. "Inclusive of the present consignment, customs agents in northwestern area have seized a total quantity of 1,370 kilograms of heroin over the last five months," Khan said. The seizure, planned under the code name Operation Blue Smoke, was engineered by Khan, 40.

West Bank clashes continue

TEL AVIV, March 3 (Agencies) — Clashes between Arabs and Jews continued for the sixth day in the occupied West Bank Thursday and security forces imposed a curfew on the Nablus Casbah and on the nearby Balara Palestinian refugee camp, military sources said.

In the town of Hebron, an Israeli car was attacked with stones and its passengers shot in the air, the sources said. They added that first reports indicated the passengers had entered a school in the nearby village of Yatta to look for the activists. Israeli radio said the car passengers were Jewish settlers.

On Tuesday, in a similar incident Jewish settlers burst into a school and took two students to the police for blocking the road in Yatta with stones.

In other disturbances, a woman soldier was slightly wounded when the windshield of the car in which she was riding was shattered by stones, the sources said. They added that there was also stone throwing in Nablus and Dahiasha, in which several windshields were smashed.

Israeli radio quoted sources in the security forces as attributing the unrest, which followed a period of relative calm, partly to clashes in recent days between Hebron Arabs and Jewish settlers nearby.

The daily *Masaru* reported that security forces had arrested four members of a newly discovered armed Jewish group, made up mostly of immigrants from the U.S., which undertook attacks on Hebron residents and their property.

Masaru also reported that police raided the Jewish settlement of El Nakan, near Hebron,

Wednesday looking for members of the underground group. The settlers are members of the militant Kach group headed by American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Tension in the occupied territory, particularly the Hebron area, has been high since last Friday when a bomb exploded outside a mosque in the city. A four-year-old Arab girl was wounded over the weekend when automatic weapons fire struck a house in Hebron.

A grenade was thrown at an Israeli vehicle near the town of Jenin in the occupied territory Wednesday night but caused neither casualties nor damage, according to military sources.

Relations between Hebron Arabs and the nearby Jewish suburb of Kiryat Arba have been marred recently by repeated clashes both inside the city and in adjacent villages.

Soviets razing Afghan villages

PESHAWAR, March 3 (AFP) — Soviet troops have begun flattening whole villages beside the main highways in Afghanistan to ensure the safe movement of convoys which have been continually harassed by Mujahideen, reports reaching this border town said.

The Soviets, who reportedly suffered between 10,000 and 12,000 casualties mainly in convoy ambushes in the past three years of their occupation of Afghanistan, have been avoiding highways and supplies were delivered by air.

U.S. lobbyists split over aid to Israel

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — American Arab and Jewish lobbyists have clashed over aid to Israel in the U.S. Congress' annual examination of aid proposals.

"By donating billions of dollars of aid to Israel without holding it accountable for its actions in the Middle East and elsewhere, we are enabling Israel to pursue policies that damage America's national interests and jeopardize the peace process," David Saddy of the National Association of Arab Americans told a U.S. Senate panel on Wednesday.

Aid proposals for Israel are "exorbitant" and mean that the U.S. taxpayer is financing the invasion and occupation of Lebanon and building of West Bank settlements, Saddy said.

Thomas A. Dine of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, however, told the

Foreign Relations Subcommittee that aid to the Jewish state served U.S. "moral and strategic" interests.

Saddy and Dine, representing the two main U.S. Arab and Jewish lobbying organizations, testified after Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotis told the panel that proposals by President Ronald Reagan's administration, while lower than the amounts approved by Congress for the current year, "were set after careful analysis of Israel's security and economic requirement."

The administration's proposed \$2.5 billion package of arms and economic aid "continues to be our largest bilateral aid program" and includes increases over proposals the administration made last year, Veliotis said.

Opposition Democratic Sen. Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, who last year campaigned for reelection on the basis of his support for Israel, criticized the Reagan administration for proposing only \$785 million in economic aid to Israel when the Jewish state was expected to owe the United States \$1.1 billion in loan repayments next year.

Dine argued that net aid to Israel, adjusted for inflation, had declined from \$1.8 billion in 1976 to \$808 million this year.

Dine claimed the invasion of Lebanon, rather than hurting U.S. interests, struck a vital blow to Palestinian commandos and reiterated Israel's assertion that it offers strategic on the performance of Soviet and U.S. arms.

Saddy said the United States should withhold aid to Israel when the government or military forces violate the human rights of Arabs in occupied territories. He suggested American aid should be equally divided between Israel and the Arab states.

Moscow demands immediate pullout

MOSCOW, March 3 (AP) — The Soviet Union on Thursday accused the United States and Israel of plotting together to "recarve" the map of the Middle East and claimed Washington's newest "foothold" in the region is to be Lebanon. "It is an urgent task to stop such a development of events," said *Pravda*, calling for an immediate Israeli withdrawal.

The lengthy *Pravda* commentary made these statements in alleging a U.S.-Israeli partnership from the start of the June 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

"In the opinion of many foreign observers, the former Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon who visited Washington in May 1982 coordinated the plan of combat operations with his colleagues from the Pentagon."

"The United States not only put weapons in the hands of the murderers, using the right of veto at the U.N. Security Council, Washington repeatedly blocked attempts to ... stop the aggression, giving Tel Aviv a sense of complete impunity," and stepping up military aid to Israel.

— After Israel's drive against the Palestine Liberation Organization was forced into "low gear," U.S. Marines landed under what U.S. President Ronald Reagan said would be a multinational peacekeeping force not likely needed beyond December 1982. "now (Reagan) no longer mentions any deadlines."

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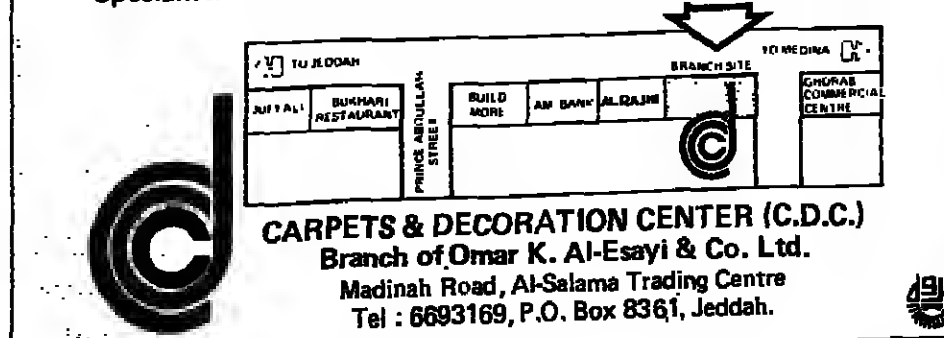


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Move for early elections

Salvadoran town falls to leftists

SAN SALVADOR, March 3 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas said Wednesday they occupied a town in the northeastern part of this war-torn country, claiming they inflicted "high losses" on the army and captured government rifles and mortars.

Meanwhile, around 500 peasants remained camped out in front of the nation's Constituent Assembly in the capital, demonstrating for a yes vote on extending a farm reform program.

Radio Venceremos, the guerrillas' clandestine station, said rebels took Delicias de Concepcion, a village 183 kilometers from San Salvador. The town is in northeastern Morazan province, where in January the army carried out one of its biggest anti-guerrilla campaigns in the three-year Civil War.

Military officials said they were unaware of the report. Telephone lines to Morazan were cut Tuesday, the government telecommunications company said.

In Jiquilisco, Usulután province, southeast of Morazan and 107 kilometers from the cap-

ital, fighting between government troops and guerrillas entered its fourth straight day, the National Guard said. A guard spokesman claimed guerrillas had set eight buses on fire, but he had no news of losses on either side.

The assembly land reform vote is over whether to extend for one year a law that has allowed thousands of poor Salvadoran sharecroppers to gain title to land they tilled on big plantations belonging to the rich. The United States favors the program. The current decree expired Thursday.

Right-wing parties in the assembly that want to end the program say it has been badly run and claim peasants no longer are interested. Five thousand peasants massed in front of the assembly on Tuesday to demonstrate their support for the land reform measure. About 500 of them remained Wednesday, saying they would not leave until a vote is taken.

The two largest moderate parties in the constituent Assembly say they favor extension of the land reform law.

Col. Roberto Escobar, head of the small Salvadoran Authentic Institutional Party—which observers here say could be the deciding factor in the vote—told the Associated Press, "we will not take a position that ends the decree, yet at the same time we don't want to contribute to the polarization" of landowners and peasants.

Many of El Salvador's impoverished peasants are sympathetic to the leftist guerrilla movement here, which they say defends their cause.

Meanwhile, sources in Washington said the Salvadoran government, increasingly on the defensive in its war with leftist insurgents, is considering moving up the date of its next election—a shift President Ronald Reagan is actively encouraging.

The Salvadoreans have scheduled elections for a new president and legislature in March 1984, but U.S. officials fear that the full year's wait will contribute to political bickering that will hamper the war effort.

Meanwhile, Republican Senate majority leader Howard H. Baker Jr. told reporters he was confident U.S. combat troops would not be dispatched to El Salvador, adding, "I do not see this as another Vietnam."

But Baker said the "domino theory" which was used to justify U.S. intervention in Vietnam as necessary to stop the spread of communism, was "more credible" in Central America.

"I don't say whether the government of El Salvador stands or falls is a matter of grave concern to the United States, (but) the stability of the region is of vital concern to the interests of the United States," he said.

This week, the administration has sought to rally congressional and public support behind its policies in El Salvador, arguing that a victory by leftist insurgents in the small Central American nation could dangerously weaken U.S. influence in the region.



REBEL PATROL: Two rebels patrol the main street of a Salvadoran town they overran last week. The guerrillas are fighting to oust the U.S.-backed government.

6 Poles seek Austria asylum

VIENNA, March 3 (AP) — The pilot and flight engineer of a Lot Polish airliner, saying their navigation equipment failed, made an emergency landing here Wednesday and requested Austrian political asylum for themselves and their families.

Six of the 78 persons aboard the Ilyushin-18 plane stayed behind while a substitute Polish airliner took the rest, after a 5½-hour delay, on the scheduled flight to Sofia, Bulgaria, police said. Those remaining were the pilot, his wife, the flight engineer, his wife and two children aged 6 and 9. Their names were not released.

The two men said the plane, en route from Warsaw, developed trouble with its navigation gear over Czechoslovakia, according to a

senior police official at Schwechat Airport who asked not to be identified. Other Soviet bloc airports were shrouded in fog.

The equipment was not inspected, but police say they tended to believe the defectors' story. Other crew members upheld the version of mechanical failure, they said.

"We were strengthened in our belief that it was an emergency landing by the fact that the pilot had to make a second landing attempt in Vienna after the tower alerted him that he would miss the landing strip," the senior officer said.

The families said they had been planning to take a holiday in Bulgaria. The plane landed at 10:20 (0920GMT) and the substitute flight took off at 16:51 (1551GMT).

Clark hails artificial heart

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 3 (AP) — Barney Clark, showing strong recovery in the past 10 days from a psychological disorder, says his experience with the artificial heart has been worthwhile because "either you die or have it done."

Clark, appearing for the first time publicly since his landmark surgery three months ago Wednesday, was shown in a videotape responding to questions from the surgeon who performed the operation.

In the interview, Clark was asked if the plastic heart had been uncomfortable. "Not at all, it's comfortable...It's a thing you get used to," he responded. He said shortness of breath bothered him the most.

What's it like to be an artificial heart and what would he tell others considering the surgery? "It's an alternative...Either you die or have it done," Clark said. "It's been hard. The heart itself has pumped right along...It'll be able to help people."

The videotape was released at a briefing by doctors, their first in more than a month. His psychiatrist said Clark had suffered a mental disorder for two months but had recently overcome it. "Over the last 10 to 12 days he has totally resolved this acute brain syn-

Ivory Coast irks Taiwan

TAIPEI, March 3 (AP) — Taiwan will sever diplomatic ties with the Ivory Coast once it confirms the West African nation has normalized ties with Peking, a Foreign Ministry official said here early Thursday morning.

He said a wire report from Peking indicated the Ivory Coast and Peking established diplomatic ties Tuesday.

drome," Dr. Claudia Berenson said.

She said the disorder had been caused by the seizures which Clark experienced days following the Dec. 2 implant. She said it caused periods of disorientation and confusion in his speech, and was made worse by his kidney problems and other medical complications.

The videotaped interview with Clark was conducted in the 48 hours prior to its release by the implant surgeon, Dr. William C. DeVries.

On Tuesday, Clark's former cardiologist said the implant has been a successful experiment, but doctors might not have chosen Clark for the historic surgery had they known the severity of his lung problems.

Still, the implant has been "much more successful in terms of survival" than the first heart transplant 15 years ago, said Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, director of the cardiac care unit at LDS Hospital.

Anderson treated Clark for cardiomyopathy — a degenerative, inoperable heart disease — from March 1982 until the Dec. 2 implant. It was Anderson who first broached to Clark the possibility of receiving a plastic heart, and who referred Clark to the surgeons who performed the operation.

Clark's intelligence and mellow personality made him an ideal candidate for the device, Anderson said, but post-operative complications with his lungs and kidneys have since raised questions about his selection.

Anderson said he thought it would be 10 years before researchers knew which patients are best for the plastic heart, what kinds of treatments they need and what modifications are necessary to make the device more mechanically sound and portable.

Witness bares plot to kill Libyan defector

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — Three men backed out of an alleged plot by former American spy Edwin Wilson to kill a Libyan defector in Egypt after they learned the plan was not sanctioned by the U.S. government, one of the men testified.

The trio also learned they weren't going after the international terrorist known as Carlos, the man they thought was their original target, Rafael Quintero said in U.S. District Court Wednesday.

Quintero, a Cuban who fled his country after Fidel Castro came to power in 1959, was the lead-off prosecution witness in Wilson's trial on two charges of conspiring to kill Umar Abdullah Muhayshi, the Libyan defector from the leadership of the radical nation. The plot was later dropped.

It was the third trial arising from Wilson's Libyan dealings, and the former CIA agent faces at least two more. He was convicted in both earlier trials and sentenced to a total of 32 years in prison and fined \$345,000.

Quintero, a naturalized U.S. citizen, said he had known Wilson since 1967 or 1968, when the pair both worked for the CIA. In August 1976, Wilson called him at his Miami, Florida, home and asked him to fly to Washington for a meeting about a "business

deal," Quintero told the five-man, seven-woman jury.

Quintero said he was picked up at national airport by Wilson and Francis Terpil, Wilson's co-defendant who has fled the country.

The three men drove to a nearby hotel parking lot where Wilson and Terpil said they were willing to pay \$1 million to have a man killed.

They didn't name the target, Quintero said, but "my idea was that they were talking about the international terrorist" known as Carlos.

After he returned to Florida, he enlisted two other Cubans in the plot and then returned to Washington, where Wilson gave him \$30,000, Quintero said. The trio later went to London and then to Geneva to meet again with Wilson in September 1976.

In Geneva, Wilson "told us it was not a government operation, but was a chance to make a lot of money," Quintero said. Quintero and the other two Cubans were also told that they would be working with Russians in Libya and didn't like that because they were anti-Communist.

They decided to return to Washington, where they contacted CIA officials and told them of the plot, he said. Wilson phoned later and said the plot was being dropped.

BRIEFS

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union has launched a space module which will dock with the orbital station Salyut-7, the official daily Pravda said Thursday. Pravda said the new module, Cosmos 1443, was similar in construction to Cosmos 1267, launched in 1981, which docked with the Salyut-6 space station. An American radio network, quoting U.S. intelligence sources, said Wednesday the module would double the size of Salyut 7 to become the first part of a larger orbital base and that a cosmonaut would be sent to man it shortly.

BERN (AFP) — The deputy military attaché at the Soviet Embassy here left the country in the last few days after he was suspected of being involved in espionage, the federal Justice and Police Department announced Thursday. Vladimir Lugovoi was caught by Swiss police as he was trying to make contact with a person — as yet unidentified — who could have provided him with information, the department said.

JAKARTA (AP) — A convicted 32-year-old Muslim leader, who fled from a Jakarta prison to escape a death sentence, was recaptured in a village in South Sumatra, authoritative sources said here Thursday. The sources said Imran bin Muhammad Zein was recaptured by a special task force. Imran apparently planned to leave the country by land through south and North Sumatra, the home of Muslim rebels called the "Free Aceh Movement." Sumatra is an island northwest of Indonesia.

LONDON (AFP) — The House of Lords Wednesday reserved judgment after a three-day hearing on an appeal which will decide whether a turban ban imposed by a Birmingham schoolmaster was lawful. An 18-year-old Sikh schoolboy, Gurinder Singh Mandla, and his father, are seeking to over-

turn last July's court of appeal ruling that the headmaster was not guilty of racial discrimination when he refused Gurinder admission to Park Grove private school. The school's headmaster, argued Wednesday that the ban was justifiable because correct school uniform is an important element of his multi-racial school.

BONN (R) — Some 125 journalists working for right-wing publisher Axel Springer have apologized to Social Democratic (SPD) chancellor-candidate Hans-Jochen Vogel for allegations a Springer newspaper published about him on Sunday, his party said. The mass circulation Bild am Sonntag, quoting a right-wing Bavarian politician, alleged that Vogel had been a leading officer in the Hitler Youth Organization. The journalists said in their letter they felt outraged. "We are not prepared to share responsibility for such journalistic indecency... We deeply regret that a newspaper from our house has treated you in this blanket defamatory way," they said.

Culture Club stays on top in pop chart

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP) — The Culture Club's "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me" stayed on Wednesday for a second week in the No. 1 spot among best selling single pop records in the United States.

Hopping into second place in the Cashbox magazine chart, up from fourth a week ago, was Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean," while "Stray Cat Strut" by the Stray Cats held on to third for the second straight week.

Men at Work's "Down Under" slipped from second position to fourth. Only one newcomer made its way into the ten top pop list this week — "Back on the Chain Gang" by the Pretenders, up from 11th to 10th.

In the country and Western singles field, Willie Nelson's "Last Thing I Needed First Thing This Morning" was No. 1 on the Cashbox magazine chart.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cashbox, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Do You Really Want to Hurt Me — Culture Club.
2. (4) Billy Jean — Michael Jackson.
3. (3) Stray Cat Strut — Stray Cats.
4. (2) Down Under — Men at Work.
5. (5) Shame on the Moon — Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band.
6. (7) You Are — Lionel Richie.
7. (8) Hungry Like the Wolf — Duran Duran.
8. (6) Baby, Come to Me — Patti Austin.
9. (10) All Right — Christopher Cross.
10. (11) Back on the Chain Gang — Pretenders.

The ten top country-western singles, as rated by Cashbox, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (4) Last Thing I Needed First Thing This Morning — Willie Nelson.
2. (1) If Hollywood Don't Need You — Don Williams.
3. (7) I Wouldn't Change You if I Could — Ricky Skaggs.
4. (5) The Rose — Conway Twitty.
5. (3) Why Baby Why — Charley Pride.
6. (10) Everything's Beautiful — Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson.
7. (12) Dixieland Delight — Alabama.
8. (14) Swingin' — John Anderson.
9. (13) Shine On — George Jones.
10. (18) When I Am Away from You — the Bellamy Brothers.

In Britain, Michael Jackson slipped into the top spot on the best-selling singles chart this week with "Billie Jean." Jackson, whose new album "Thriller" is No. 3 in the LP chart, ousted "Too Shy" by Kajagoogoo, one of Britain's new vocal bands, which held the No. 1 singles slot for a week.

"Big jump of the week was 'Total Eclipse of the Heart' by buzzsaw-voiced Welsh songstress Bonnie Tyler, the nearest female equivalent to Joe Cocker, who was at No. 18 last week. Cocker's latest disc, 'Up Where We Belong,' with Jennifer Warnes, slipped to No. 10.

This week's top 10 as listed by Melody Maker, with last week's placings in brackets:

1. (3) Billie Jean — Michael Jackson.
2. (1) Too Shy — Kajagoogoo.
3. (4) Africa — Toto.
4. (18) Total Eclipse of the Heart — Bonnie Tyler.
5. (11) Tomorrow's Just Another Day — Madness.
6. (2) Change — Tears for Fears.
7. (10) Love on Your Side — Thompson Twins.
8. (13) Never Gonna Give You Up — Musical Youth.
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10. (7) Up Where We Belong — Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes.

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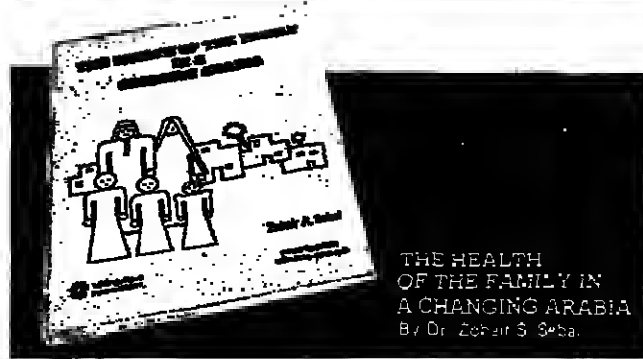
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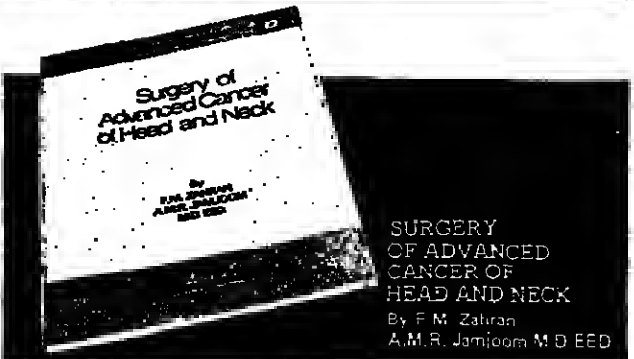
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To make it equitable

Neutrals favor global talks on fiscal reform

NEW DELHI, March 3 (R) — The nonaligned movement considered proposals Thursday for a world conference to reform the "inequitable and outdated" international monetary and financial system.

This was among a dozen proposals to boost cooperation between industrial and developing nations, through the so-called North-South dialogue, and between developing countries themselves, a spokesman for the nonaligned conference said.

Government leaders of the 97-nation nonaligned movement, the Third World's chief political forum, are expected to make a strong statement on development issues at their five-day summit starting Monday.

They are concerned about the effects on their economies of the global recession, including stagnant trade, heavy debt, low commodity prices and what they consider unsympathetic attitudes on the part of industrial nations.

They see the North-South dialogue as stalled by the recession and industrial countries' refusal to enter into global negotiations at the United Nations on aid, trade, finance and a

new international economic order to benefit the Third World.

Diplomats said President Reagan had sent a letter to Bangladesh setting out a conciliatory U.S. position on Third World demands for progress in the dialogue.

Delegates from Bangladesh, chairman of the "Group of 77" which coordinates the developing nations U.N. stand on economic issues, were expected to read the letter to the summit, they added.

An economic committee chaired by Nicaragua started refining summit resolutions Thursday.

They included an Indian proposal for "the immediate convening of an international conference on money and finance for development with universal participation to bring about a comprehensive reform of the existing inequitable and outdated international monetary and financial system," the conference spokesman said.

The summit is expected to call for major reforms of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, set up after World War II, to give the Third World a better deal, diplomats said.

OPEC output falls to 13m bpd

LONDON, March 3 (R) — Output of the 13 OPEC countries has plunged to between 13 and 14 million barrels a day, less than a third of non-Communist world oil demand, since the start of the year, according to industry analysts.

OPEC production stood at an all-time high of about 31 million barrels a day at the height of the market in late 1979.

As a result of falling demand and competition from alternative sources of oil and

energy, production dropped to an average of just under 20 million barrels a day last year.

This year's output drop, linked to uncertainty over the future of world prices, has hit the producers of high quality light oil the hardest, analysts said. Countries such as Nigeria and Libya are believed to be producing less than half the oil they were at the end of last year.

The output of Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest producer, has dropped to less than four million barrels a day from more than 10 million and this has been mainly due to the strict adherence to the high OPEC reference price of \$34/barrel.

The main non-OPEC producers have, meanwhile, maintained or increased production by cutting prices to below the \$34 OPEC benchmark. Britain produces a steady 2.2 million barrels of oil a day for which the British State Oil Trading Company recently recommended a price of \$30.50 a barrel.

Mexico produces around three million barrels a day much of it for the U.S. market.

The world's largest producers are the Soviet Union, with an average of around 12 million barrels a day, and the United States, with output slightly over eight million barrels.

Both produce predominantly for domestic and local markets although the Soviet Union exports as much as one million barrels a day at below OPEC prices.

OPEC producers have prices linked to the \$34 benchmark according to quality.

U.K. jobless drop to 13.7%

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — Unemployment in Britain improved slightly in February from the post-1930s record reached the previous month, but there were still 3,199,412 persons, or 13.7 percent of the work force, without jobs.

The government employment department announced Thursday that the February figure was down 25,084 from January's 3,225,216 or 13.8 percent. The drop was due to seasonal factors such as recruitment in the construction industry. The underlying trend remains bad, the department said.

Allowing for seasonal adjustments, the number of unemployed adults rose in February by 17,600 to 3,000,300. The adjusted figure has increased for 39 consecutive months.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS				
Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Municipal & Rural Affairs Ministry	Temporary asphalt for Sorat Ubadah villages	245	2,000	Feb. 13
"	Lighting Haki old streets	246	1,000	Feb. 14
"	Construction of 3 model markets in Shamasia, Qassim	247	500	Feb. 15
"	Construction of a mosque, Riyadh	248	2,000	Feb. 14
"	Asphalting, paving & lighting in Zuhf	54402/403	8,000	Jan. 30

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 18TH JAWWAL 1403/3ND MARCH, 1983

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:				
Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
5	Safina-e-Arab	O.C.E.	Steel/General	1.3.83
6	Hellenic Star	Alpha	Rice/General	22.2.83
7	Kota Dewa	O.C.E.	General/Canned F.	2.3.83
8	Aquamarine	O.C.E.	Bag Food/Barley	2.3.83
9	El Havi Najd	O.C.E.	General/Cargo	2.3.83
11	Magida	Abdulrah	Loading Empty	2.3.83
15	Tunisian Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Lamb	28.2.83
16	Odyseus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	27.1.83
18	Kaga Maru	Alfiza	Containers	27.2.83
19	Odyseus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	27.2.83
20	Saqr Yanbu	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	1.3.83
21	Anasir Sky	Altawil	Contr/Rice	27.2.83
22	Jay Luoni	Bamaodah	Wheat	22.2.83
23	Tabuk	Kano	Rice/Contr	28.2.83
24	Al Fahd	Baboud	Barley	22.2.83
25	Al Mareekh	Star	Reefer	22.2.83
26	Arar — 1	Star	Fruit	27.2.83
27	Sorocco Universal	O.C.E.	Cheese/Milk Pwd	28.2.83
30	Doma T	O.C.E.	Reefer	28.2.83
31	Tollah T	O.C.E.	Reefer	28.2.83
32	Africa Freaser	Star	Cheese/Apples	1.3.83
33	Barrata	El Havi	Contr/General	22.2.83
35	Yannis	Alfiza	Containers	25.2.83
36	Hamburg Express	F.A.M.E.	Vehicles	25.2.83
38	Gala Del Mar	A. Bulhari	Durra/General	25.2.83
39	Acid	O'Trade	Rice/General	27.2.83
40	Melidive Jade	A.E.T.	Contr/General	28.2.83
43	Nigeria Venture	Najd	Containers	2.3.83
RoRo	Satam			

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1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:				
No.	Vessel Name	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
1	Saudi Jeddah	Ori	Pipes/Gen.	28.2.83
2	Ibn Qutalbah	Kano	Gen Cargo	1.3.83
3	Meiji Maru	Gulf	Pipe	1.3.83
5	Kang Da	Barber	General	1.3.83
6	Kiri Ruby	Kano	Gen/Contr	28.2.83
7	Kota Jaya	Sea	Steel/Gen	1.3.83
11	Alps Highway	Gesabi	Cars	22.2.83
12	Singapore Island	UEP	Maize/Tim	22.2.83
13	Ibn Sina	Kano	General	22.2.83
14	Sea Astrea	SEA	Gen/Timber	6.2.83
15	Han Nara	OCE	General	2.2.83
17	Halla Partner	Gulf	General	3.2.83
18	Kaghan	SEA	General	1.2.83
21	Kilmarnock	Kano	Bulk Cement	30.1.83
24	Fathulhair	Kano	Loading Empty	1.2.83
25	Union Yanbo	OCE	Loading Empty	1.2.83



Kuwait sets eyes on Gulf Oil's outlets in Sweden, Denmark

MANAMA, March 3 (AP) — Kuwait is planning to acquire Gulf Oil's refining and marketing facilities in Sweden and Denmark at a cost of around \$200 million, the Qatar News Agency said Wednesday.

The agency, monitored here, attributed its information to reports circulating in London.

It said the deal would be a follow-up to Kuwait's recent purchase of 750 Gulf Oil outlets in Europe, with both acquisitions aimed at circumventing an expected decline in the price of crude oil.

Backed by a capital of \$7 billion and proven inhouse reserve of around 70 billion barrels, KPC is said willing to brave an initial loss of a few million dollars at the glutted and tax-burdened European market for refined products in order to ensure a future market for its unpoplar heavy crudes.

"OPEC experts do not hide their fears about the shift by producers toward selling more of their crude in the form of refined products — that a day may come when producers will be forced to sell refined products at any price," said the Arabic-language weekly magazine *Al-Mustaqbal* in its latest issue.

In a related development, the U.A.E. was said by a Japanese official to be already selling its crude at \$4 to \$4.5 per barrel below the OPEC benchmark level of \$34.

The Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Qabas* published a transcript of an interview published in Tokyo this week with the new Japanese ambassador to Kuwait, Jeri Aiko, during which he was cited as accepting as a fact the interviewer's statement that "Ahu Dhabbi was discounting its governmental price for crude by \$4 to \$4.5 per barrel."

U.S. accepts \$2m as spill damages

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — The U.S. government agreed Wednesday to accept \$2 million from a Texas oil driller to settle all claims arising from the largest oil spill in history, a 1979 oil well blowout in the Gulf of Mexico that took nine months to clean up.

The agreement was filed in a federal court in Houston. It resolves a complicated lawsuit between the government and SEDCO Inc., which had chartered its rig to a Mexican drilling contractor.

SEDCO had leased the rig to Permargo, a Mexican firm that had an exploration contract with the Mexican National Oil Company Pemex.

Franc said facing devaluation anew

PARIS, March 3 (R) — The French franc is likely to be devalued in late March or early April, for the third time since France's Socialist government came to power in May 1981, currency dealers have said.

They said Wednesday the franc was being shored up at its present level only by massive central bank intervention in the currency markets and by French borrowing abroad, neither of which would be maintained indefinitely.

The need to drop up the currency had made France into one of the biggest international borrowers last year.

U.K. urged to halt textile slump

LONDON, March 3 (AFP) — Britain's textile employers and workers Thursday jointly urged their government to act to halt their industry's decline and prevent the loss of up to 150,000 jobs.

In a "plan for action" sent to cabinet ministers and members of parliament, their joint organization, the British Textile Confederation, called in particular for a five-year scheme to reduce and stabilize interest charges at a level of only five percent on approved investment programs.

In view of the need for individual companies to improve efficiency and competitiveness, the confederation said this move would help to restore investment confidence. The interest abatement scheme would be available to all firms and apply to all forms of capital investment aimed at modernization and improved viability.

Assistance would take the form of a direct state grant effectively reducing the interest payable to a constant figure of five percent. The necessary capital would be raised commercially without any call on government finance.

In addition the confederation's plan requests:

— A lower exchange rate, essential for exploiting export opportunities and combating imports (the pound has already fallen by nearly 14 percent since early November).

— Government action to curb in other EEC countries sectoral aids for the textile industry, which, it says, are spreading in Belgium, Italy and France but non-existent in

Financial Roundup Dollar tastes mixed fortune

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 3 — The dollar continued to remain mixed on Thursday trading in London and the other European centers as dealers awaited to see the final outcome of the OPEC meeting. There were optimistic hopes for an oil price settlement at a record low level of 1.5020 and even 1.4980 prices. Some Bank of England support was detected and dealers felt that the pound might recover if a workable agreement is reached by the OPEC ministers in London.

On Wednesday night, the dollar was boosted by news of a record 33-year high in the U.S. leading economic indicator index which showed a 3.6 percent rise for January. Department of commerce officials were seemingly optimistic that the economic revival in the U.S. would continue to show progress but the money markets were still awaiting to see if the trend would continue in February and March figures. The dollar's rise on the exchanges was somewhat blunted, however, due to remarks made by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker who said that U.S. interest rates would continue to decline in the foreseeable future. The money market Eurodollar deposit rates remained relatively stable but some slight easing was seen in the longer dated dollar deposits with the one year rate falling by 1/16 percent to 9 1/4 percent levels. Despite Volcker's statements, Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates closed firmer at 8 3/4 percent on the New York Wednesday night markets.

The hullion markets made some progress Thursday but both gold and silver prices

were hit by random and sometimes volatile profit-taking sales. Gold prices remained at the \$433 to \$436 an ounce range while silver prices dipped and rose just around the \$11.00 range. Dealers said that bullion prices were also affected by the present uncertainty over OPEC oil prices but that prices will stabilize once the oil picture clarifies.

In the European Thursday exchanges, the German mark continued to hold steady on ground of a German conservative victory in the coming elections, with the mark trading at 2.4280 levels. The Swiss franc was also slightly stronger at 2.0320 levels but fell back later on profit-taking to 2.0410 prices against the dollar. The Japanese yen traded at around the 236.50 levels and had a mixed day Thursday compared to some early recovery Wednesday. The French franc was stable with some French Central Bank support at the 6.8600 level.

In the rial market, rates firmed slightly Thursday taking the week fixed to 6 1/2 - 7 percent from 6 3/4 percent average levels Wednesday. Trading was generally dull and directionless and most institutions avoided the longer term deposit rates which traded at around the 7 1/4 percent level for the three month period and 9 1/4 percent for the year deposit. Spot rial / dollar exchange rates were down to 3.4401-06 from Wednesday's 3.4405-10 prices.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	430.50
Paris	439.18
Frankfurt	432.99
Zurich	433.00
Hong Kong	435.93

Tanker orders sink to new low

LONDON, March 3 (AFP) — New tanker orders placed during the second half of 1982 fell to the lowest level for more than 25 years leaving the outlook "bleak" for the shipbuilding industry, according to London-based ship-brokers, John I. Jacobs.

In their *World Tanker Fleet Review*, the brokers listed only 17 new orders of 878,400 deadweight tons, compared with 35 new tankers (970,000 tons) ordered in the first half of the year. In the last six months of 1982, the world tanker fleet was reduced by 7.7 million tons (30 vessels) to 303.7 million tons, comprising 3,264 vessels.

With only nine million tons left on order at present the outlook is "bleak", with no upturn foreseen "before" 1986/87, the review said. Jacobs was particularly critical of the way South Korean yards undercut European builders by between 12 and 15 percent by "aggressive marketing techniques". The ship-brokers added a warning that the South Koreans could turn to high value shipping as greater experience is gained, and as their competitive edge is blunted by lack of new (tanker) business.

The review noted that deliveries throughout the world ran at over three million tons

during the second half of 1982, implying that if the present lack of confidence continues, the order book "will have shrunk to negligible proportions within 18 months".

But, in contrast, prospects for tanker owners are "somewhat more hopeful", the ship-brokers said. "If the momentum of scrapping (26 million tons in 1982 as a whole), can be continued, there is now much more likelihood that an acceptable balance can be achieved within the new few years", they predicted.

Strike cripples Citroen plant

PARIS, March 3 (R) — The Citroen car company's Aulnay plant near Paris was hit by a strike for the second day running Thursday over the sacking of 12 workers after a fight at the plant last month.

A spokesman for the Communist-led CGT trade union, which called the 24-hour strike, said 3,000 of the 4,000 employees on the morning shift had stopped work. French radio quoted the management as saying production had almost stopped. The union wants to negotiate the dismissal of the 12 workers, who include four CGT officials.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday			
	Cash	Transfer	
Bahraini Dinar	9.20	9.15	
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.20	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	72.45	
Canadian Dollar		2.82	
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.00	142.14	
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.00	128.56	
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.11	
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75	
French Franc (100)	50.50	50.21	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.25	41.35	
Indian Rupee (100)		34.58	
Iranian Rial (100)		5.80	
Israeli Sheqel (10,000)	25.00	24.80	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.68	
Jordanian Dinar	9.74	9.67	
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.84	11.80	
Lebanese Lira (100)	84.50	83.80	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	33.00	34.00	
Pakistan Rupee (100)	28.10	26.80	
Philippines Peso (100)		36.43	
Pound Sterling	5.24	5.21	
Saudi Riyal (100)	95.00	94.70	
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.57	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.38	
Swiss Franc (100)	168.50	167.83	
Syrian Lira (100)	62.00	61.60	
Turkish Lira (1,000)			
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44	
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.15	75.15	

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Japan's egalitarian winds blowing over U.K. industrial front

PLYMOUTH, March 3 (R) — "A completely egalitarian approach — that's the secret of their success," said Roy Sanderson, speaking of the management of a television factory in this southwest England city.

For a British trade union leader talking about an employer, the remark seemed surprising. The factory, owned by Toshiba, is one of the 25 Japanese plants in Britain that are becoming as well known for their management methods as they are for their products.

"Most British managers rather enjoy the class system, and most unions are just as stubborn," said Sanderson of the Electricians' Union (EETPU) which represents the workforce of Toshiba Consumer Products (U.K.), or TCP for short.

"But that has got to change if British industry is going to be able to compete," he said. British management-labor relations have been portrayed as tense, often bitter, and studies have shown that Britain's industrial productivity ranks far below that of Japan and other developed countries.

But Toshiba's policies of breaking down hierarchy and giving workers a say in running the company, key elements of the Japanese managerial approach, have paid off in good industrial relations and high productivity, according to its management. Toshiba, which began full production in May 1981, purchased its plant from a British company which closed down its unprofitable Plymouth operations in 1980.

Output per employee year is now 310 television sets compared with 93 in the former company. Because of structural changes, the management says the figure exaggerates the actual increase in productivity, but it claims a rise in efficiency of at least 20 percent.

"Toshiba's operation here is very efficient — not as efficient as in Japan but very close now," Chairman Kaz Komada told British businessmen at a recent seminar on Japanese management.

By reducing grade distinctions and establishing channels for close management-worker communication, Toshiba tried to get its 300 employees to identify with the company's ambitious goals.

Except for Komada and six Japanese staff managers, all senior managers and workers are British.

The company uniform, a pale blue jacket sported by everyone including the company chairman, is but one of the symbols of equality. Everyone works the same hours and lunches in the same cafeteria, which verges on the luxurious.

But only those elements of Japanese industrial culture thought suitable to British workers have been adopted. Thus there is no Japanese-style bonus or seniority system and pay and holidays are based on British standards. Nor are workers asked to sing a company song, though some workers recently composed one.

The policy of reducing status distinctions goes deeper than what skeptics might call mere gimmicks. Like most Japanese companies here, Toshiba welcomed union representation with the condition that there be only one union (there were six in the former company) which would agree to use alternatives to strike action to resolve any problems.

A 10-member company advisory board (COAB) with representatives from each work section and management was set up to handle problems and discuss ways of improving efficiency. If COAB fails to agree on a pay or other issue, an

independent arbitrator is called in. He must decide in favor of either management or labor, the theory being that if no compromise is allowed at this final stage, both sides will initially take a reasonable position.

So far there have been no labor problems, although Personnel Director George Harris said because the company was still young, it was too early to boast about the system.

But COAB had been successful in handling a number of issues, he said. For example, when sales slackened last summer, rather than lay off any employees, Toshiba switched about 40 of them to maintenance work until demand picked up again. But COAB does not wait for a major problem to arise before going into action. It meets monthly to discuss production, finances and general matters.

Toshiba attributes savings in thousands of dollars to workers' suggestions made through COAB or during five-minute group meetings held each morning. Though some employees said it was hard getting used to the quick work pace, not being able to smoke or eat while working and having to stay until the final buzzer, most said they were happy with work conditions.

Total sales last year were about 13 million pounds (\$19.5 million) and with sales expected to double this year, Toshiba had begun to recruit 100 new employees, said Harris.

Highly rationalized production lines have been a major factor in improving efficiency, but according to Sanderson a "much more dignified regime in which to work" is what has released the human energy needed to make full use of the modern machinery. "Workers have a greater sense of job security because they see the company is well managed," said the union leader.

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Ariel Sharon, according to some, is a war looking for a place to happen. Now sulking in his tent, after being divested of the war portfolio but not of his ministerial berth in the "moral democracy" of Israel, Sharon must be somewhat feeling elated to find that he has a pale imitator in the far away African continent. Yes, even to the most charitable, it appears that President Samuel Doe of Liberia is looking for a place for a war to happen. Of course the place he has in his mind is not far away. It is the neighboring Sierra Leone.

But for the fact that Doe has moved 3,500 of his troops to the border with Sierra Leone, the whole affair would have looked like a soap opera with funny scenes enough to drown the audience in peels of laughter. No, this is no laughing matter. Doe is deadly serious. Before moving the troops he had hanned all land, air and sea travel to and from Sierra Leone. And but for Sierra Leone President Siaka Stevens' refusal to attend a summit meeting in Conakry, Guinea would have by now discussed the whole problem threadbare to the immense hilarity of the newspaper reading public all over the world. It is also quite possible that if the summit failed to solve the "problem", Doe might have taken it to the U.N. leaving the world body in a very ticklish or piquant situation.

For what the Security Council or General Assembly will be called upon to deliberate in all seriousness will be a tense situation on the border between two countries not because one has attacked the other or is arming a guerrilla movement inside the other's territory but a report, later denied, in a weekly in Sierra Leone suggesting that Doe has shot his wife for trying to poison him. If Doe was seeking a vindication of his honor it was accomplished when his wife denied the allegation and when she appeared at Monrovia's James Spriggs-Payne Airport and later drove with her husband to their official residence. If he was after the blood of the "erring" editor, it was provided when the latter was detained on the orders of President Siaka Stevens.

Meanwhile it is tempting to speculate on the endless possibilities of wars breaking out between neighboring countries if heads of state or prime ministers were to take a cue from Doe. Not many people would have forgotten the reports which appeared in the world press not long ago about Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's quarrels with her youngest and widowed daughter-in-law.

Some of these reports might have found their way into the columns of newspapers in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal as well. Suppose Mrs. Gandhi masses troops on the borders of these neighboring countries and declares war on all of them. An even more interesting possibility to imagine is the situation that will arise in case the Organization of African Unity or the U.N. leaves the whole dispute to the jurisdiction of some impartial bodies like the International Court of Justice. Will not Doe be leaving the door wide open for a close scrutiny by outsiders of his domestic life? A former president of Liberia, it may be recalled, did just that in 1929 when there were allegations that Liberians were involved in the transfer of African tribesmen to the Spanish colony of Fernando Po. The president, Charles D.B. King, asked the League of Nations to look into the charges and when the verdict of the organization went against Liberia he promptly resigned. So in a way Doe has declared war on his country's noble traditions as well.

European initiative on N. Ireland worries Britain

By Michael Cousins
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LONDON — Northern Ireland, Britain's chronic problem, is once again causing headaches in London, although mercifully they are not the result of terrorist action. This time, it is the politicians that are active.

First there was the decision by the European Parliament in Strasbourg to send a team to the province to investigate the troubles there. That decision has come under fierce attack both from government and opposition in Britain which insist that Northern Ireland's problems are an internal affair and as such are beyond the Strasbourg parliament's jurisdiction.

Not that this counts for much with Charles Haughey, the opposition leader in the Irish Republic, who — with astute timing last week — immediately followed up the announcement with a call for an Anglo-Irish consultative council as a prelude to British withdrawal from the north. As if that were not enough, Northern Ireland's political waters were further muddied by a visit there by the extreme left-wing Labor leader of the Greater London Council, Ken Livingstone, who was a guest of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing. Lastly, there was a proposal from the Social Democratic and

Labor Party for an all-Ireland Council to govern both North and South. Support for the SDLP comes almost exclusively from the North's Catholic minority.

Neither the proposals by Haughey and the SDLP nor the blatantly partisan visit by the GLC leader are of much importance in the short term.

Despite the current attempts to attribute the problem to economic and social ills, the religious divide is at the heart of the matter. The Protestant majority in the North remain adamantly opposed to all ideas of union with the Catholic South and any advocates of such a union — regardless of whether they want to achieve it by peaceful means (the aim of Haughey and the SDLP) or by violence (the tactic of the IRA) — have little chance of a hearing from them.

In fact, Haughey's call was clearly intended for southern rather than northern ears. It was made hours before the annual conference of his Fianna Fail party, which is strongly nationalist. Haughey's popularity, both within the party and the Republic, has plummeted recently, first because of the election defeat and subsequently because of revelations that party officials were involved phone-tapping, Watergate-style. He had already survived two attempts to dislodge him as party leader and beating

the nationalist drum seems to have had the desired effect; at the conference last Sunday, he was overwhelmingly confirmed as party leader.

However, given the almost fanatical determination of the Protestant majority to remain in the U.K., the movements of the GLC leader and what Haughey and the SDLP have to say are of limited importance as far as the North is concerned, except as a matter of record. That is the reality of the situation.

What is important, however, and what is worrying, is Britain's reaction to the European Parliament's initiative. To reject it out of hand and to refuse the planned mission any help in London or Belfast, which is what the British government have said they intend to do, is both short-sighted and ungracious. Worse, such a reaction will only serve to convince its enemies that Britain is arrogant and patronizing, that it is interested only in maintaining its rights and privileges.

Northern Ireland is part of the U.K. — the majority there want it that way — and all responsible people around the world accept that reality. But being realistic also means admitting the scale of the problems in Northern Ireland. They are overwhelming and despite their efforts, successive British governments have failed lamentably to bring

peace and harmony to the province. Instead of being so touchy on their rights, the British should be grateful for what help is available. So great now is the divide between the two communities that there is almost no room left for manoeuvre. Certainly anyone who believes that the Catholic minority will accept the British link are deluding themselves. Years of hate and mistrust have fueled their suspicion of anything the British offer. The latest attempt to sort out the chaos — the consultative assembly — has failed miserably because councilors elected by the Catholic community are boycotting it.

Given the intractable mess that Northern Ireland has become, one would have thought the British would be only too pleased that their community partners are willing to help. After all, none of them is disputing the fact that Northern Ireland is a part of the U.K., or that it should remain so while the majority wish it — which is, after all, the position of the British government itself.

To dismiss the European's initiative out of hand is hardly going to make matters better. It is not the action one would expect from Britain.

If the British genuinely believe that their policies in Northern Ireland are the right one, then they have nothing to fear from an investigation by their allies and partners.

Reagan prefers fun to work, shuns details on issues

By Robert G. Kaiser

WASHINGTON — Just how President Reagan performs his job remains something of a mystery. We know that he takes it easy, often reaching the office at 9 a.m. and leaving at 5 to work out in the White House gym — earlier when he goes horseback riding. We know he likes one-page "memos" and that he delegates a good deal of authority. We've often heard how he answers difficult specific questions with anecdotes of dubious relevance.

But what does he do as president? Does he meet with people to find out things, or does he only get briefed when his duties require it? Does he engage in serious give-and-take with staff or outsiders? Does he try personally to figure out issues? Is there more to Reagan than we realize?

Conversations with nearly 24 persons who have met with President Reagan sometime this month provide some answers. Their accounts suggest a man who prefers fun to work, who loves to entertain and feel loved, who likes being president, but who rarely gets enthused about governing. They indicated that the president can get his details right, but is most likely to do so on matters he finds pleasing or useful in pleasing others. Details of the great public issues of our time don't always hold his interest. This is a president with an effective mechanism for avoiding what he doesn't like.

On Feb. 2, the president met in the Oval Office with four Jewish leaders, his national security adviser and others to discuss the Mideast. Reagan had invited the group to the White House as an alternative to his speaking to a gathering of the World Jewish Congress then taking place in Washington. The president evidently wanted to avoid being cross-examined publicly by these Jews.

Reagan asked his visitors what was on their minds. According to sources present, Julius Ber-

man, chairman of the conference of presidents of major Jewish organizations, told Reagan that it wasn't fair to pressure the Israelis. Reagan said that he knew from his conversations with King Hussein of Jordan that as soon as an agreement on withdrawing foreign troops from Lebanon is reached, Hussein will be ready to negotiate with the Israelis. Berman reportedly pressed the president: Did that mean Hussein had put no other preconditions on his willingness to talk with Israel? Did he say nothing, for example, about Israeli settlements on the West Bank?

Before Reagan could reply, Judge William Clark, his national security adviser, jumped in with what struck his listeners as a vague answer. He suggested there were still other unresolved issues, such as how the Palestinians would be represented, though he never directly contradicted Reagan. The president looked at his guests with an expression some interpreted as sheepish. You might think there is a little confusion here, he said, but there really isn't. Some of his conversations with King Hussein were private, just between the two of us, he explained. Others involved his aides.

The brief meeting ended without any clearer explanation of Hussein's position. Reagan left the impression that he hadn't mastered the intricacies of the Mideast. Judge Clark's behavior suggested that Reagan's advisers feel they have to protect him.

When Reagan met with his MX missile commission and its distinguished counselors — a group that is supposed to find a plausible way to base the missile Reagan wants but Congress views warily — he stayed for 15 minutes and made a few general remarks. The room was filled with former defense secretaries and high factotums of previous administrations, but one of them said later, "I had the feeling he didn't have any idea who some of us were."

When the president spent 10 minutes with Harold Willens, a California millionaire who backed the nuclear freeze referendum in California last fall, Willens perceived "a bit of almost stiffness on his part — something a little more formal than others would have behaved in that situation." The meeting took place at the urging of Reagan's daughter, Patti Davis, herself a freeze advocate. "We were talking more past each other than to each other," Willens said, adding that Reagan was utterly gracious throughout.

When both Reagan's went out to dinner at the home of Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., with a group of presidential biographers and historians, the atmosphere was jovial. The historians suggested ways Reagan might help future scholars grasp what was really going on in his administration — keep a journal of how you feel at important moments, for example. Reagan warmly agreed to this and every other suggestion the historians made. "He conveys kind of a 'gee whiz' feeling," one guest recounted. "Once he said, 'when I was a life guard at that pool seven days a week, I never thought I'd be president.' He's certainly not a terribly reflective man."

Perhaps the best example of Reagan at work that involves people other than his inner circle of advisers are his meetings with the Republican congressional leadership. The men in attendance watch Reagan closely, not least because several of them dream of sitting someday in his chair. They seem struck by the fact that the president handles his role differently than any of them could imagine handling it. He seems removed from most of the details of issues under discussion. He likes to structure the meetings with some care and distinguishes between general meetings and specific sessions devoted to resolving a particular problem. The ordinary meetings usually proceed according to a fixed agenda. The president dominates them with his declarations on what he hopes can be done about various mat-

ters. When the Republican leaders want to deliver a message, Reagan listens graciously, but rarely gets into a meaty discussion of the differences between them. He relies considerably on aides to provide argumentation for his views. Sometimes, he makes observations that suggest he isn't carefully following the discussion.

A famous Hollywood actor — though not a close friend of the president — dropped by the White House with his wife one afternoon around 4 p.m. just to say hello to Reagan. The president kept them in the Oval Office for an hour, then took them up to his gym. Finally, at 6:30, the actor insisted he had to leave. Reagan, who was loving the conversation about Hollywood, wanted them to stay for dinner. During the entire 2 1/2 hours, there was no interruption of their conversation by any of the president's aides.

"What you see is what you've got," observed Rep. Ed Zschau of Reagan. That seems about right. Is this bad — or, more important, is it dangerous? Yes, maybe it is, particularly if his unbelievably good luck were to change. It seems amazing that after 25 months as president, Ronald Reagan has yet to deal with his first real crisis. How would he handle serious trouble? Perhaps that is a question we shouldn't wait answered. (WP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 4, the 63rd day of 1983. There are 302 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1606 — France's King Henry IV occupies Sedan to end rebellion of the Duke of Bouillon.

1797 — British troops under Lord Lake put down rebellion in Ulster, Ireland.

1848 — Constitution of Piedmont and Sardinia is proclaimed by Charles Albert, king of Sardinia.

1857 — Peace of Paris ends Anglo-Persian war, and Shah recognizes independence of Afghanistan.

1944 — Soviet forces launch offensive in Ukraine against Germans in World War II.

1952 — China accuses United States of using germ warfare in Korea.

1962 — British chartered airliner crashes after takeoff from West African city of Douala, Cameroon, and 11 persons are killed.

1971 — Turkish terrorists kidnap four U.S. airmen and threaten to shoot them if \$400,000 is not paid, but ransom demand is rejected and airmen are released five days later.

1975 — Peter Lorenz, political leader kidnapped in West Germany, is released after five imprisoned radicals are freed and flown to Yemen.

1979 — China-Vietnam conflict enters third week, with reports from Peking indicating that China is preparing to pull back over border.

1981 — Soviet and Polish leaders meeting in Moscow reportedly agree that Poland's labor strife poses threat to entire Communist bloc.

Thought for today:

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge — Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman (1804-1881).

Suggestions on Insurance

Sir,
Going through the social insurance booklet and the number of letters appearing in Arab News, I suggest a simple procedure to cut short formalities in the disposal of cases.

All workers on the completion of their contracts and their final exit should be asked to submit a form showing their contributions to GOSI regional offices which may be passed on to the head office and payment made to them within three months.

Since it will be a burden on Saudi embassies abroad to disburse pension to people living in remote areas, the grant of a lump sum amount in lieu of pension may be considered. For expatriates, all formalities should be completed a month in advance of their retirement and departure to their respective countries.

For those joining service after 50 years of age also, a lump sum may be paid in accordance with a prescribed formula on their reaching the age of 60 but without any condition or limit of service. For pension calculation, the minimum period of service may be five years.

A medical board in the Kingdom may work out the life expectancy to determine the amount of pension or the lump sum amount.

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'Preserve Saudi heritage'

Sir,
Since I first arrived in Jeddah 32 years ago, I have seen more improvement here than in any other city in the world. While changes are welcome we should not lose sight of what deserves to be preserved of the Saudi heritage. I refer to the palace of former King Abdul Aziz. Few people are aware of its existence.

It could be made into a museum, furnished in harmony with the times and decorated with maps, pictures, guns, swords, and clothing to give visitors and school children a realistic insight into the life of a great monarch.

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Postal services

Sir,
To the immense relief of the expatriates in Saudi Arabia the government is taking steps to streamline the postal system, which will ensure expeditious delivery of letters and other articles. Letters from homes are the only thing that cheer those who are far from their near and dear ones.

Al-Raj drafts

Having said this I would like to draw the attention of authorities to the inconvenience caused by the non-availability of stamps in the post offices in certain areas. In the eastern region, as I understand, stamps are sold only at the Dammam main post office. If arrangements were made to sell stamps at all post offices, the long lines for getting the letters franked could be obviated. Also a little more courteous and cooperative attitude by the staff would be a boon to the public.

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Al-Raj drafts

Sir,
Many expatriates have lost their hard-earned money because the drafts issued by Al-Raj Commercial Exchange throughout Saudi Arabia were not honored by the recipient banks of certain countries. Even after 3 months Al-Raj Exchange has not taken any steps to repay the amount. Would the government look into this matter and do the needful without further delay?

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حسبنا الله ونه الوكيل

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent
When his Lord tested Abraham with certain commandments and he fulfilled them, He said: "I shall make you a leader of mankind." (Abraham) said: "And what of my seed?" Said He: "My covenant does not apply to the wrongdoers."

(The Cow, "Al-Baqarah": 2: 124)
Allah has set an example of disbelievers: the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot. They were married to two of Our righteous servants, but they betrayed them. Their husbands could not avail them anything against Allah. The word has been spoken. "Enter the Fire, together with those who shall enter it." And Allah has also set an example of believers: the wife of Pharaoh, who said: "Lord, build for me a house in heaven with You, and deliver me from Pharaoh and his doings. Deliver me from all evil-doing folk."

(Prohibition, "Al-Tahreem": 66, 10-11)
Noah called out to his Lord, saying: "Lord, my son is of my family. Surely Your promise always comes true, and you are the most just of judges." "Noah", He said, "He was not of your family; he was an evil conduct. Do not question Me about matters of which you have no knowledge. I admonish you lest you become one of the ignorant."

(Houd: 11: 45-6)

What ties, what family

An important issue raised in the history of Noah and his people as related in *surah Houd* is that which concerns family ties. Noah is told by Allah that his son does not belong to his family. This outlines an important aspect of the nature of the Islamic faith. The tie which binds people together in the Islamic faith is a unique one. It relates to certain objectives and aspirations which are peculiar to this divine constitution. This tie of Islamic society has nothing to do with family or blood relationship, land and country, tribe and nation, color and language, race and sex, or profession and class. All these ties may exist between two individuals, and their relationship may, nevertheless, be severed. When Noah (Peace be on Him) pleaded with his Lord: "Lord, my son is of my family," he was told by Allah: "Noah, he was not of your family." The reason why his own son is not considered belonging to his family was then explained to him: "His was an evil conduct." The tie of faith which would have linked them together did not exist: "Do not question Me about matters of which you have no knowledge." Thus, Noah was mistaken when he considered that his son belonged to his family. What was certain was that he did not belong to it, despite the fact that he was Noah's own son.

This is a clear distinctive landmark which distinguishes the Islamic view of all ties and relationships. Different modes of ignorance make different ties paramount, such as blood, family, land, country, tribe, nation, color, language, race, profession or class. They sometimes give prominence to common interests, common history or common destiny. All these are ignorant conceptions which remain fundamentally in conflict with the Islamic viewpoint.

The Islamic code of living, represented by the Qur'an and the *Sunnah*, endeavors to educate the Muslim nation so that it

observes the distinctive landmark in its general outlook.

In this *surah* Noah and his son provide the example of what happens between father and son. The Qur'an gives numerous other examples in order to establish the true nature of the only tie which Islam recognizes. The story of Abraham and his father, related in *surahs* "Cattle" (6) and "Mary" (19) is an example of a son's relationship with his father. The verse given above from *surah* "The Cow" (2) provides another example which relates to Abraham and his seed. When he made his pledge with Allah he was given the happy news that the message would continue in his seed, but the wrong-doers are entitled to nothing of it.

The verses quoted above from *surah* Prohibition (66) give two examples of the matrimonial relationship. On one side we have the two cases of Noah and Lot and their wives while on the other side we have the case of Pharaoh's wife who was a believer and Pharaoh who was not. Other examples are also given in the Qur'an where strong ties which might have otherwise existed between believers and non-believers were of no significance when the tie of faith did not exist. There is the case related in *surah* 60 "The Examined One" where Abraham and his followers dissociated themselves totally from the rest of their nation, because they did not accept the faith based on submission to Allah, the only God in the universe. There is also the example of the people of the cave who deserted their nation in order to keep their faith.

All these examples which Allah has cited from the history of the noble Prophets and past generations of believers have made the issue absolutely clear to this Muslim nation. Hence, it was fully aware that the only tie which brings people together in Islamic society is the tie of faith. Numerous verses in the Qur'an always remind the Muslims of

the need to hold fast to this view and establish it clearly in their society.

Islamic society is basically and organically distinguished from all other social orders, old and new, by this very basic principle which governs its relations with others. There can be no way which combines Islam with the adoption of any tie other than that of faith as the basis of society. Those who claim to be Muslims and then establish their social orders on the basis of the type of ties which it demolished in order to establish in their place the tie of faith are either ignorant of Islam or people who reject it. In either case Islam does not accept their claim which has no practical application in their lives.

We will now consider some aspects of the divine wisdom behind making faith the supreme tie of Islamic society.

Faith is indeed the noblest characteristic of man which distinguishes him from animals. It relates to the spiritual side of human existence which no class of animals share with him. Hence faith must be the constituent tie of the human society which achieves the highest standard of human civilization. Such a human grouping cannot be based on anything which Islam shares in common with animals.

Moreover, faith relates to another aspect of human existence which distinguishes man from animals, namely, the element of choice and free will. Every individual can choose his faith once he comes of age. By such choice he decides the type of society in which he likes to live, and the type of ideological, social, political, economic and moral system which he would like to adopt and implement. No person, however, can have any choice with regard to his blood, family, color, nation or race. Nor can he choose for himself where he is born or the language he speaks. All these matters are decided before he is born, with no regard whatsoever to his own feelings. If, then, his destiny in both this life and in the hereafter, or even in this life alone, is based on these elements about which he can do nothing then he cannot exercise his free will at all. He is robbed of a basic element of his humanity. An important basis of the nobility of man is thus demolished. To avoid all this, and to preserve for man the dignity Allah has granted him, Islam makes faith, which is personally chosen by every individual, the tie which determines the human structure of Islamic society. Thus every individual freely decides his own destiny.

When a human society is based on the bond of faith it is a society which is open, human and universal. Individuals of all races, languages, colors, nations, geographical locations and countries can join in such a society by exercising their own free will. There are no barriers or boundaries or prejudices alien to the noble characteristics of man to prevent them from joining. All human talents and qualities can express themselves in this society and work together, on the same level, in order to pro-

duce a human civilization which benefits from all the fine qualities of the different human races without shutting itself to any one of them on the basis of any prejudice which relates to color, race, family or country.

The Islamic way of life has always been unique in that it enhances and develops the basic qualities of man as it builds its human society. Those who prefer any other code of living, based on any other tie of nation, race, land or class are indeed the enemies of man. They do not wish that man attains his unique position with the help of his noble qualities Allah has given him. Nor do they want man to benefit from all the qualities and talents of all human races in peace and harmony.

It may be useful to add here that the enemies of this religion of Islam, who are well aware of the elements of strength in its very nature, and of whom Allah says: *Those whom We have given the Book are fully aware of it and know it as much as they know their own children.* Recognize that having faith as the basic tie of society is one of the main elements of the strength of this religion and Islamic society. Since they are in the business of demolishing Islamic society, or at least weakening it to the extent which enables them to have control over it, in order to satisfy their grudges against Muslims and to exploit them and their resources and lands for their own benefit they have not overlooked the need to weaken its basis. They have not neglected to raise up for its people new idols to worship apart from Allah. They call these idols with different names on different occasions. The fatherland, nationalism, race, minority rights and Arab (or whatever) nationalism are but a few of the names given to these idols in different stages of history. The result was that different groupings were fighting with one another inside the single Islamic society based on the tie of faith. With time the basis was weakened and the idols became sacred. Anyone who rejects them is branded as a traitor.

The most wicked of the forces which have been and are still engaged in demolishing the solid basis of Islamic society is the wicked Jewish grouping which employed the weapon of "nationalism" to destroy Christendom and divide it into small political entities, each with a national church. They were thus able to destroy the Christian empire around the Jews before they managed to destroy the Islamic empire.

The same was done by the Crusaders in their dealing with Islamic society, following centuries of their exploitation of racial and national feelings among the different races welded together in Islamic society. Thus, they were able to satisfy their age-old grudges against Islam and subjugate its people to European imperialism. They will continue to have the upper hand until these new wicked idols are destroyed, giving way to the re-establishment of Islamic society on its unique solid foundation.

Life of the Prophet - 100

First steps toward real supremacy in Arabia

By Adil Salahi

The encounter with the Jews of Al-Nadheer, coming as it did soon after the setbacks at Uhud, Al-Rajie and Bir Ma'oonab boosted the morale of the Muslims to a new high. We can hardly call that encounter a battle, because the Muslims did not have to fight at all. Yet, they achieved a total victory which they themselves had not expected. At the same time, this victory proved to be a thorn in the flesh of all their enemies. Although Quraysh was not directly involved, the victory of the Muslims meant that they were in a much better shape now for any new clash between the two sides. The remaining Jews in Madiinah felt much weaker with the evacuation of their Jewish allies. They realized that they could no longer hope to regain any control in Madiinah unless Quraysh and its other Arab allies could win a decisive victory against the Muslims, which did not seem at all likely in the circumstances.

The Prophet, for his part, wanted to consolidate what he had achieved and to drive it home to anyone who was plotting against Islam and the Muslims that nothing can be gained easily from the Muslims. They were determined to defend themselves against anyone who contemplated attacking them.

Barely two months after the encounter with Al-Nadheer Jews, the Prophet learned that the two Arabian tribes of Mubarik and Th'alabah were mobilizing to attack Madiinah. Working on the basis that attack is the best way of defense, the Prophet assembled a force of seven hundred of his followers and appointed Uthman ibn Affan to deputize for him in Madiinah. The Muslim force marched a very long way until they reached a place called Nakhl in the area which belonged to the tribes of Ghatafan in the Najd province which is right in the heart of the Arabian peninsula. There the Muslims came face to face with a very large concentration of enemy forces. The two sides drew very close to each other. The Muslims were worried because they realized that they were heavily outnumbered. Despite their numerical strength, their enemies felt very fearful as well. Neither party was keen on an attack, and both hoped that a clash could be somehow averted.

This was a very hard campaign for the Muslims. They covered a very long distance from Madiinah and they had to walk over very hard terrain. The expedition is known in Muslim history books as "The expedition of cloth pieces." The name is taken from the fact that the Muslims had to wrap their feet with pieces of cloth in order to relieve the pain in their feet as they walked over rocky areas. When the two forces stood face to face the feeling of fear was common to both of them. It was

indeed in this expedition that the Prophet used in his prayers with the Muslims the method known as "Prayers in the case of fear." This method means that the army is divided into two halves and they take turns as they pray with the Prophet. He himself would pray the whole prayer while one half of his men joined him for the first part of the prayers then leave him to finish their prayers on their own. When they had finished the other half would join the Prophet for the rest of his prayers. Thus everyone in the army would join the same prayers while one half of it would always be free, watching the enemy and making sure that they did not exploit the time of prayers in order to attack the Muslims.

No clash did, however, take place between the two sides. The Prophet managed to withdraw with his forces intact, and without engaging the enemy in any fighting.

A great part of the history of Islam at the time of the Prophet is devoted to the military activity of the Muslims. This is natural, because those ten years during which the Prophet established the first Islamic state were full of military operations, due to the fact that several forces were keen on fighting the Muslims and suppressing Islam altogether. When relating history, great events overshadow small or ordinary ones. We, however, should not overlook those small events which enlighten us about the type of life the Muslims lived in Madiinah. From them we can understand much about how the Muslims treated one another and what sort of relations they had with the Prophet and how far they were devoted to their cause. In this connection, some events which took place during this expedition are worth mentioning.

One such incident is related by Jabir ibn Abdullah, a young companion of the Prophet who went on this expedition. He was riding a weak camel. This meant that he kept falling behind. When the Prophet noticed him and learned that the camel was not a strong one he asked Jabir to sit him down and he did. He then said to Jabir: "Give me the stick in your hand, or cut a stick for me from a tree." The Prophet pricked the side of the camel with the stick several times and asked Jabir to mount the camel. Jabir says: "By Him who sent the Prophet with the message of truth the camel was as fast as any."

The Prophet was then chatting to Jabir and asked him: "Would you sell me this camel of yours, Jabir?" He said: "It is yours as a gift." The Prophet said: "No, but sell me it." Said Jabir: "Make me an offer then." The Prophet said: "I'll give you one dirham for it." Jabir declined the offer and said: "Then you would give me an unfair price." The Prophet said: "What do you say to two dirhams?" Jabir declined again. The Prophet kept increasing the price and Jabir declining until the Prophet offered him an ounce of silver. Jabir then said: "Would you be happy to pay this price, messenger of Allah?" The Prophet answered in the affirmative and Jabir accepted the price.

The Prophet asked Jabir whether he had got married and Jabir's answer was that he had. The Prophet then asked him about his wife and whether she was a virgin getting married for the first time or a woman who had been married before. Jabir's answer was that she was of the latter type. The Prophet said: "Would it not have been better if you had married a young virgin with whom you can play and have fun?" Jabir said: "Messenger of Allah, my father was killed at Uhud, leaving me my seven sisters to look after. I therefore married a woman who could look after them and keep the family together." The Prophet said: "Then you have done right. Allah willing, when we arrive at Sirar we will have some camels slaughtered and we will celebrate that day. She would then bear that we have celebrated her marriage and she will put up her cushions." (Putting up cushions was apparently a sign of celebrating the happy occasion) Jabir said: "But we have no cushions, messenger of Allah." The Prophet said: "But you will have. When you arrive at Madiinah you should arrange a good feast." When the Muslim army arrived at Sirar, which was only about three miles from Madiinah, the Prophet had a number of camels slaughtered and cooked. The whole army shared in the celebration of the recent wedding of one of its soldiers. When the sun declined the Prophet and his companions went to Madiinah. Jabir told his wife what the Prophet said and she advised him to do as the Prophet said.

The following morning Jabir took his camel and sat him down outside the Prophet's Mosque. Jabir went then into the Mosque. When the Prophet came he asked about the camel and he was told that it was brought by Jabir. He asked for Jabir to be called and when he arrived the Prophet said: "Take your camel, my nephew; it is yours." He then called Bilal and told him to go with Jabir and to give him an ounce of silver. Bilal did what the Prophet bid him and gave Jabir a fraction more. Jabir said that the camel stayed with him for a very long time.

This incident shows the degree of care the Prophet used to show to his companions. There are numerous stories about the Prophet doing certain things in the same nature as he did with Jabir's camel. These were taken by his companions as signs which consolidated their belief in him as a messenger of Allah. It is not that they had any doubts, but miraculous acts like these tended to confirm for them what they already knew to be true. The fact that the Prophet asked a young companion of his about his family affairs in such a way as happens between intimate friends serves to show that the Prophet really cared about every individual of his companions. He was not like a leader who viewed his troops as people whom he can utilize to achieve his personal glory. The Prophet was after no glory for himself. But he wanted to be informed about the affairs of his companions so that they would feel much closer to him. When he realized that Jabir was newly married he was keen on making the whole community share in the celebration.

(To be continued next Friday)

The significance of faith

By Adil Salahi

Over the last few weeks we have discussed the Islamic concept of Allah and clarified that concept through a discussion of Allah's attributes. Once this concept is clearly formulated one must believe in Allah, attributing to Him all His qualities. Faith represents the most complete relationship between man and Allah. If we accept that man is the noblest creature on earth, and that the quality of thinking is the one which gives him his unique status among Allah's creation we can say that man can best utilize his thinking and his reason by having faith in Allah. Indeed, to be a believer is to have the best quality a man may have.

Faith is not merely a few words which a person repeats, nor is it the mere acceptance of certain principles. Faith is a complete concept which characterizes man's life and is manifest in every action a man does. The first change that happens to a person when he believes in Allah is that he loves Allah and the Prophet more than anything else. His love should be clearly apparent in what he does and says. If he happens to love anyone or anything more than he loves Allah and the Prophet then his faith is not complete. The Qur'an teaches us: *If your fathers and your sons and your brothers and your spouses and your clan and the worldly goods which you have acquired, and the commerce of which you fear a decline, and the dwellings in which you take pleasure — if all these are dearer to you than Allah and His messenger and the struggle in His cause, then wait until Allah brings about the fulfillment of His command; and know that Allah does not grace the inquisitive folk with his guidance.* (9: 24) Thus, everything in life: parents, children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, wealth, business and houses must take a secondary place in man's heart where the first place is given to Allah and the Prophet. The Prophet explains that faith cannot be complete without the true love of Allah. He has revealed: *Whoever has these three qualities must have tasted the sweetness of faith: that he loves Allah and His messenger more than anything else; that he loves whomever he loves for no other reason than to please Allah;*

and that he should hate to go back on his faith as much as he hates to be thrown in fire. Many are the pronouncements of the Prophet which indicate that to love Allah and the Prophet more than anyone and anything else is the sign of real faith.

Another manifestation of faith is the willingness to struggle hard, and to fight, if necessary, for the cause of Allah. Very often faith and struggle are linked together as an idea and its practical representation. A believer should not hesitate to fight for Allah's cause because such a struggle gives good immediate results such as the liberation of people from oppression and putting an end to corruption.

A man or a woman who has true faith in Allah does fear Him. Indeed no person who knows Allah truly and knows His greatness, might and power can think of Allah without having a feeling of fear lest he should incur His anger. To stand in awe of Allah is indeed the sign of a true believer. *Of all His servants, only such as are endowed with real knowledge stand in awe of Allah.* (35: 28) The Prophet describes himself as the one who knows Allah best and who fears Him most.

When a man truly believes in Allah, loves Him and struggles for His cause and has real fear of Him then he will always stick to the path Allah has indicated. This means that he always tries to implement the constitution Allah has revealed. He does not acknowledge any authority to anyone who appoints himself as an intermediary between himself and Allah. Faith produces very significant social effects. Relations between believers are always of the highest standard. They are based on love and deep affection for one another. A believer always tries hard to serve the community of the faithful as much as he can and works hard to relieve their distress. Indeed there is no human community where all its individual members are more closely attached to one another than the community of believers. What is more, a believer always tries to what is good. Indeed, faith does not truly exist in man's heart without its being represented by good action. Believers are always described in the Qur'an as those who do righteous deeds. Negative faith is alien to the Islamic sense.

EVENTS OF ISLAMIC HISTORY 019 AH

— The year began on Sunday, Jan. 2, 640 C.E.

— Muawiyah bin Abu Sufyan who later founded the Umayyad dynasty was appointed governor of Sham (Syria and Palestine).

— The strategic coastal town of Caesarea was conquered by Muawiyah after a long siege.

— Amr bin al As with 4000 Mufabadeen in Egypt conquered Aswa on 12th Moharram. Later Balabeen Ain Shams and Umm Domain fell into his hands.

— Amr bin al As conquered the country upto Babylon and entered into negotiations with the rival camps.

— A force of 4000 copies killed Muslims when they were offering Friday prayers.

Amr and his people escaped but none remained from the copies.

— Amr al Sha'bi, renowned for his memory, was born at Kufa.

— Musa bin Nasser, the conqueror of Spain, was born. His family originated from Wadi Qura in Hijaz.

— Ubai bin Kaab the great Jewish scholar who accepted Islam and became renowned for collecting, writing, reciting and explaining Holy Qur'an expired.

— Safwan bin Moattal who participated with Holy Prophet (SAW) in the Battle of Trench and other campaigns also expired.

— A volcanic fire was noticed in Harra of Medina Munawwara but it subsided with no losses.

— Abu Tariq Hijazi

Pilgrimage practices

Q. Could you please verify what is the time allowed for throwing the stones at Jamarab on the 11th and 12th of Thul-Hajjah. Like a great number of pilgrims I was confused by speakers hailing with loudspeakers near Jamarab telling the pilgrims that they must not do their stone throwing before midday (*zawal*). According to most guides on pilgrimage this time, i.e. after midday, is preferable for throwing the stones. Preferable obviously means that to do it at other times is acceptable.

Is it allowed to take the sacrificial meat from Mina to other places, beyond the limits of Haram?

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Jeddah

A. In all matters concerning pilgrimage we have to follow the example of the Prophet. Whatever he did when he offered his farewell pilgrimage serves as a direction for us in every respect: method, approach, timing and the correct order. He made this absolutely clear when he indicated that he meant to teach us the correct method of pilgrimage. He said: *Learn from me how to do your rituals. As far as throwing the stones is concerned the Prophet did it on the first day, i.e. the 10th of Thul-Hajjah, before midday and indicated that the time limit for it on that day was *zawal*.* On the following two days he did the throwing after midday or *zawal*. He made it clear that *zawal* was the starting time for throwing the stones on these two days. Hence we have to follow suit in order that our pilgrimage be correct.

The sacrificial meat is meant in the first instance for the poor of the Haram area. Obviously people who offer the sacrifice are recommended to partake of it. Any poor person who is present in the Haram area, i.e. Makkah and its surroundings, may benefit of this meat. If the poor in this area have had their needs satisfied and they do not require any more meat when some of it is left over this could be taken outside Makkah and the Haram area for the benefit of the poor elsewhere.

How to address one's wife

Q. Back home, many people address their wives as "Mummy", while the wives address their husbands as "Daddy". The idea is that one's wife is the mother of one's children, while her husband is the father of her children. I have always worried about this practice and in the back of my mind I feel it cannot be sanctioned by Islam. I will be grateful for your comments.

(Name and address withheld.)

A. There is no doubt that for a husband to address his wife as "Mummy" or for the wife to address her husband as "Daddy" is not the best way of calling one's spouse. Yet the practice is common in certain parts of the Muslim world. While it is not forbidden to use such appellations we are strongly recommended not to use these terms so that no doubt or suspicion can be created in anybody's mind.

It was a practice of the Arabian society in the days before the advent of Islam that if a man wanted to divorce his wife with no possibility of being reunited with her he used the method known in that society as *Thihar*. A

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person who wanted to use this method would tell his wife that she was to him "like the back of his mother". Since incest is universally agreed to be one of the gravest sins, *Thihar* was the surest way of total and permanent separation between a husband and wife. Islam, however, put an end to this abominable practice. *Thihar* itself is considered a grave sin in Islam and no Muslim is ever allowed to use it.

Because of the importance of this prohibition and the confusion that may arise if one was to address one's wife as "Mummy" it cannot be too strongly emphasized that such a practice is far from acceptable.

Can mosques be sold?

Q. In the United States many Muslim organizations endeavor to buy buildings in order to establish mosques and Islamic schools. As the Muslim population grows and existing facilities prove inadequate to meet the needs of the community, they find themselves forced to sell these buildings in order to buy larger ones. Some scholars argue that selling of mosques is not permissible. How far is their opinion correct?

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Jeddah

A. There is no permanent link between any place and worship generally. There is no such thing as a place for worship only. Islamic worship can be offered in any place, while the mosque has a much wider role than that of a place reserved solely for worship. Hence, it is perfectly permissible to sell a place used for prayers, or a mosque, or an Islamic school in order to buy another place which offers better facilities for the same purposes. Indeed, a mosque may be pulled down in order to be rebuilt, taking into account the needs of the community. It goes without saying that the needs of the community are the determining factor in this connection.

If the mosque is a permanent endowment it may still be sold provided the sale proceeds are used exclusively for the establishment of a new mosque to serve the same area or another area with a greater need for a mosque. This applies whether the mosque in question no longer satisfies the needs of the community, or it is no longer required because a new mosque has been built or because the Muslim community has left the area, or because it is run down or any other reason.

Social security as *zakah*

Q. 1. If a non-Muslim friend greets me with *assalamu alaikum* is it permissible to reply with the normal reply of this greeting or should I use another form of greeting?

Q. 2. Can the social security contributions which we pay to the government be considered as *zakah*? If not, what is the benefit we get from social security?

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Rastamara

A. Reading through the scheme I do not find anything in it to suggest that it is a scheme of savings earning interest. The fact that withdrawal at any time before the end of five years earns the saver nothing seems to indicate very clearly that the lump sum which is given at the end of five- or ten-year periods is a bonus pledged by the company for those of its employees who continue in its service for these periods. One thing to be guarded against is that the money saved must not be invested in anything or any project which is prohibited. The employees, or the savers in this case, should withdraw their savings if they happen to know that the company is involved in forbidden investment practices. If they are aware of no such thing then they can participate in this scheme without worry or hesitation. In guarding against involvement in forbidden practices by the company you have to be specially careful lest the company should deposit your savings in a deposit account with a bank which gives interest on such deposits. If the company alternatively, invests the savings in normal trade then there is nothing to be said against that.

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Bonuses in a savings scheme

Q. Our company has introduced a savings fund system which allows us to save 10% or less of our monthly salary. At the end of five years the company will contribute 50% of our total savings. The bonus will rise to 100% at the end of ten years. If, however, we withdraw our savings before the completion of five years we are entitled only to the total sum of our savings. Some employees are saying that this is interest and as such it is forbidden. I should be grateful for your opinion. I enclose a copy of this scheme for reference.

Bill to ensure safety introduced

U.S. pulling punches at boxing

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) — Legislation to create a 10-member commission to study boxing was introduced Wednesday by a group of U.S. House of Representatives members, one of whom said it was "A first step in reforming what is a sick sport."

Rep. James J. Florio, chairman of the house subcommittee which has been investigating boxing, said the commission would report to Congress in nine months with recommendations aimed at establishing minimum uniform standards for boxing events held in the United States.

Florio told a news conference, "The safety of the fighters should be of paramount concern." Rep. Norman F. Lent, also a subcommittee member and a co-sponsor of the bill, said: "It is apparent there is no uniform or central authority to regulate boxing. As a result, there are mismatches with the attendant injuries and deaths."

Another subcommittee member and co-sponsor, Rep. Bill Richardson, said recent hearings on the sport indicated "Safety and health is the main problem. This is the first step in reforming what is a sick sport."

Boxing has come under renewed criticism since the death of South Korean Duk Koo Kim from brain damage after a lightweight championship fight against Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini last Nov. 13. Other fighters have suffered serious eye injuries. Welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard retired last year after surgery to repair a detached retina, the same injury sustained by one-time heavyweight contender Earnie Snavers.

The formal name for the proposed study group would be the Congressional Advisory Commission on Boxing. It would be composed of five members chosen by the speaker house and five by the majority leader of the Senate.

Each would select one member from a

group of six recommended jointly by the American Medical Association and the Association of Ringside Physicians and two interested private citizens. The speaker also would appoint a member to represent state athletic commissions and one to represent the press. The majority leader also would choose a member to represent boxers and one to represent promoters.

Florio said his House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Transportation and Tourism will hold a hearing on the legislation in Atlantic City on March 18, the same day as the light heavyweight title fight between Dwight Braxton and Michael Spinks.

The purpose of the hearing, he said, will be to look at the business and other relationships among fight promoters, the World Boxing Association (WBA) and the World Boxing Council (WBC) and the press, especially the television networks.

He said the subcommittee is particularly interested in learning more about the way the system of rankings and classifications works, how revenues are generated and allocated and what potential there is, if any, for conflict of interest.

Italian inquiry

Meanwhile, the National Boxing Federation opened an investigation Wednesday into the case of a 28-year-old Italian hospitalized in a coma after a title fight in Sicily last week, chairman Ertan Marchiaro announced.

Marchiaro said the inquiry was aimed at ascertaining possible responsibilities in the incident. He also disclosed plans for preventive medical checks on fighters in the wake of the latest ring tragedy. Doctors reported that heavyweight Claudio Cassanelli remained in a deep coma in a hospital in Palermo where he was taken after the fight Friday night.

Meanwhile, the other fight on the card, over eight rounds, Wallace gave a performance of sustained brilliance which brought him a standing at the end, justly shared by Doherty, who survived eight punishing rounds and tried hard to fight back all the way.

It was perhaps an unwise contest for Wallace, brought about by the fact that the promoter could find neither a flyweight nor a bantamweight to take him on. Wallace was always going to be second at punching power but what he lacked in weight he made up for in dazzling skill, making every punch count and comfortably absorbing whatever punishment he had to take in return.

Gratchov sets lift mark

ODESSA, Soviet Union, March 3 (AFP) — Vladimir Gratchov of the Soviet Union set a new world weightlifting record in the 67.5 kgs match category at the Friendship Cup Tournament here Thursday, the Soviet News Agency Tass reported. The 22-year-old Gratchov lifted 154 kgs to erase the previous record, held by Vesselin Galaharov of Bulgaria, by 0.5 kg.

Cassanelli collapsed after a 12-round fight against Daniele Leghi in Trapani. Doctors said the boxer was suffering from an edema, and abnormal accumulation of fluids between the brain and the skull. "We noted a slight improvement in electro-encephalogram tests but he still is in a coma," said Dr. Primo Vanadia, an attending physician.

Nystrom comes a cropper in opening round

LYON, France, March 3 (Agencies) — Talented Swedish player Joachim Nystrom went out in the first round of a men's Tennis Tournament here Wednesday to unheralded Frenchman Jacques Hervet.

Nystrom, suffering from influenza, lost 6-2, 6-1. In another surprise, Jonathan Smith of Britain lost 6-3, 6-4 to Mansour Bahrami. Other first round actions saw Mike Myburg beat Frank Puncer 6-0, 6-2, and Christophe Roger-Vasselin (France) defeating Nicolas Sido 6-2, 6-1 in an all-France affair.

Meanwhile, the world's three top tennis stars — Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl — were named Wednesday to play in the Stella Artois Grand Prix Tournament at London's Queen's Club, one of the traditional warm-up events before Wimbledon.

Tournament director Clive Bernstein said the three will compete together on grass for the first time this year. The Stella Artois is scheduled for June 6-12. It follows immediately after the French Open, which is played on slow clay at the Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. When the Stella Artois finishes, only one week is left before Wimbledon.

In Inglewood, California, Billie Jean King breezed to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Betsy Nagelson in first-round play of the \$165,000 Carta Blanca-FCT Women's tournament.

Later, second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd had an even easier time than King, whipping Ilana Kloss of South Africa 6-2, 6-0. King needed only 50 minutes to dispose of Nagelson, while Evert required just 43 minutes to eliminate Kloss.

In other first-round play Wednesday, fourth-seeded Bettina Bunge of West Germany topped Anne White 6-4, 7-6 and Virginia Ruzici of Romania rallied for a 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 triumph over Andrea Temesvari of Hungary. Top-seeded Martina Navratilova and third-seeded Andrea Jaeger play their first-round matches Thursday. The invitational tournament began Wednesday and runs through Sunday at the Forum. The singles champion earns \$39,000.

Meanwhile, in Racho Mirage, California, Wednesday's play in the \$50,000 Congoleum Women's Tennis Tournament at Mission Hills Country Club was rained out, with a number of matches being postponed still another day.

Six of 10 first-round matches had been washed out on Tuesday. The tournament, scheduled to wind up Sunday, will use four courts Thursday in an attempt to get back on schedule. Top-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, who drew a first-round bye, is scheduled to begin play in the tournament on Thursday.



TESTING TIME: World driving champion Keke Rosberg hasn't given up his Saab-Williams Formula One car for a two-wheeler. But he did give a bike a try during break in F1 the testing at the Goodyear International Technical Center in Luxembourg. The toy was made by a Goodyear employee using a worn F1 front wheel tire. While it won't give Keke's competitors anything to worry about, the times he recorded in his Goodyear's Sandia-Williams should, as the start of the new season approaches with the March 13 Brazilian Grand Prix.

After Rohrl bags first stage

Demonstrators disrupt Rally

LISBON, March 3 (Agencies) — Demonstrations by factory workers led to part of the second stage of the Portuguese Rally in the north of the country being canceled Thursday.

The rally was interrupted by officials after the factory workers blocked access to a bridge near Figueira Da Foz. A statement from the organizers said three of Thursday's five special trials had been canceled. The drivers were heading further north to the coastal town of Povoa de Varzim where the third stage of the rally will start this afternoon.

West German Walter Rohrl, winner of this year's Monte Carlo Rally, had won the first stage. Rohrl, followed in by fellow Lancia

driver Markku Alen of Finland, won seven of the nine special stages in the race over 152 kms round the Sintra Hills.

Michelle Mouton of France, last year's winner, came in seventh, two minutes 22 seconds behind the leader. She lost 46 seconds when a tire punctured. Mouton's Finnish teammate Hannu Mikkola was best-placed Audi Quattro driver in fourth position. Mikkola, who won the rally in 1979, was one minute nine seconds behind Rohrl.

Meanwhile, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced that, Mario Andretti, the 1969 Indianapolis 500 winner, will drive one of two new Lola-Cosworth race cars entered Wednesday for the May 29 race.

Andretti, the 1978 world driving champion, will be seeking his 18th start at Indianapolis. He finished second in 1981 and 31st last year after his car was eliminated in a pace-lap crash.

The Speedway also received an entry for rookie Teo Fabi, who will pilot a new March-Cosworth for Forsythe racing, of Wheeling, Fabi, 27, a native of Italy, has competed in international events since winning the 1977 Italian Formula Ford Championship. He drove for newsmen's Can-am team last year and won four of the 10 events in which he participated.

The latest cars raised the entry list to 14, and about 85 more are expected before the April 8 deadline.

Meanwhile, French car constructor Guy Ligier has decided against installing a Renault turbo engine into his entries for next year's world drivers' championship. Renault had offered powerful turbo for this season, but the Ligier team boss said he did not have the time and material to accept the change by mid-season.

Maple Leafs keep Flyers in check

NEW YORK, March 3 — The Philadelphia Flyers have been having a good run this season. But on Wednesday, they needed Mark Taylor's goal with 11:33 remaining to salvage a 2-2 National Hockey League tie with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Glenn Anderson scored a tie-breaking power-play goal at 14:23 of the third period, as the Edmonton Oilers went on to a 5-3 victory over the Washington Capitals in an action-packed encounter.

Meanwhile, John Garrett recorded the first shutout of the season by a Vancouver goaltender and Thomas Gradin scored two first-period goals, leading the Canucks to a 3-0 victory over the Winnipeg Jets.

Tom Lysiak celebrated his return from a 12-game layoff by snapping a 1-1 tie in the second period as the Chicago Black Hawks went on to defeat the Los Angeles Kings 5-3 in a close contest. And St. Louis right wing Mark Redden scored his first two goals of the season to give the Blues a 4-1 tie with the Minnesota North Stars in another action.

Johnson turns on the magic against Bucks

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP) — Magic Johnson showed the Milwaukee Bucks a trick they didn't expect.

Rather than dish off slick passes to teammates for easy baskets, the 6-foot-9 point guard decided to put the ball in the hoop himself. The result was a season-high 34 points that paced the Los Angeles Lakers to a 127-117 National Basketball Association triumph over the Bucks Wednesday night in Milwaukee.

"The book on him (Johnson) has been that he always looks to thread the needle with the pass instead of shoot it, so they give it to him over the top," said Lakers coach Pat Riley. "But he can drill it. He's worked hard on his perimeter game."

Besides his 34 points, Johnson added 15 assists, seven rebounds and five steals. He sank 15 of 20 shots, most of them high-arching perimeter jumpers.

In other games, the New Jersey Nets swamped the Houston Rockets 124-85, the Dallas Mavericks shaded the Seattle SuperSonics 108-105, the Phoenix Suns downed the San Antonio Spurs 110-106, the Portland Trail Blazers nipped the San Diego Clippers 104-102 and the Denver Nuggets trimmed the Golden State Warriors 128-108.

Nets 124, Rockets 85: Albert King scored 17 points and had seven assists and Buck Williams had 15 points and 13 rebounds as New Jersey piled up its largest margin of victory this season.

Mavericks 108, Sonics 105: Kelvin Ransby made two free throws with three seconds left, enabling Dallas to hold off a furious fourth-quarter rush by Seattle, which erased most of a 17-point deficit. Gus Williams, who scored a season-high 38 points, led the surge that brought the Sonics as close as 106-105 with 50 seconds to play. But Seattle's Jack Sikma, who finished with 18 points and 19 rebounds, missed a 10-footer with seven seconds left.

Suns 110, Spurs 106: Walter Davis' baseline jumper with 39 seconds left snapped a 104-104 tie. Davis, who scored 10 of his 21 points in the fourth period, hit his game-winning 48 seconds after San Antonio's Johnny Moore tied the score on a hook shot. Larry Nance, who paced Phoenix with 27 points, stole an inbound pass at midcourt and went in for a slam dunk with 35 seconds remaining for a 108-104 lead. George Gervin scored 31 points for the Spurs.

Trail Blazers 104, Clippers 102: Calvin Natt scored 24 points as Portland snapped a three-game losing streak. The Trail Blazers took the lead for good 68-66 midway through the third quarter on a layup by Jim Paxson that triggered a 7-0 spurt.

Nuggets 128, Warriors 108: Kiki Vandeweghe scored 33 points as Denver moved within 5 1/2 games of the Midwest Division lead. The Nuggets outscored the Warriors 27-6 during a seven-minute stretch of the second period to move ahead 67-44. Alex English had 23 points and 12 rebounds for Denver and center Dan Issel added 22 points and 10 rebounds.

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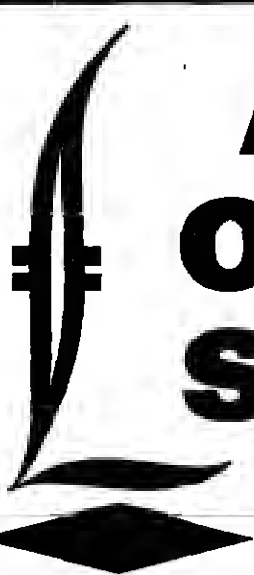
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LONDON, March 3 (PA) — The position of Watford's Gerry Armstrong as the onliest of football superstars has been brought into sharper focus than ever this season.

For while Watford have emerged as one of England's most talked about teams since gaining promotion from the Second Division last season, Armstrong has been pushed further into the background than he was in the 12 months up to him being voted the outstanding British Isles star in the World Cup. For many TV viewers he was the player who really "woke up" the '82 finals.



Armstrong ... the Irish hero

Armstrong — a star kept at arms length

A Northern Ireland hotshot without regular Watford spot

Before inspiring Northern Ireland in Spain during the summer, the burly 28-year-old forward was in the strange position of being an automatic choice for his country, but not his club. It has been the same story this season, with Watford using him mainly as substitute. Not only this, Armstrong recently experienced the additional blow of breaking a leg in a reserve match.

Still, the World Cup — and the attention Armstrong's somewhat pragmatic attitudes of strength, pace and determination attracted from the vast T.V. audience — has certainly transformed his life off the field. The fame he suddenly acquired, after 10 years of being looked upon as no more than the average pro, is best reflected by the greater media interest in him ("Most days the phone never seems to have stopped ringing") and the increase in his fan mail. He estimates that he has received an average of 50 letters a week (compared with six last season), a large proportion of them from countries outside the British Isles. The bulk, requests for autographed photographs, are dealt with by his wife Anne, in between looking after their house in St. Albans, Herts, and two children, Keiron 3 and Brendan, 5.

He particularly recalls a letter from a Ghanaian admirer, asking not only for football kit to be sent to him, but numerous sundry items such as toothpaste and hair-

restorer. "The list was endless," Armstrong says with a chuckle. "Luther Blissett (his Watford team-mate) wouldn't believe me when I told him about it — but the next day, he got the same letter from the same bloke."

"Another was a letter from a woman in Luton. Unbelievable... it was 'Gerry this', 'Gerry that'. A short two-page note, and she'd written 'Gerry' 35 times."

Armstrong's World Cup impact is also emphasized by the offers he has had to exploit it commercially. The £1,000 he has earned through featuring in a body-building machine advertisement and opening a couple of shops might seem paltry to the likes of Diego Maradona and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, but Armstrong points out that he has had to turn down outside work totaling more than £10,000 due to his Watford commitments.

While he has been recovering from injury, Armstrong has been considering an offer to make a record. This will come as no surprise to his team-mates, nor to the millions of British television viewers whom Armstrong captivated with a perfect rendering of the Irish folk song "The Wild Rover" following Ireland's 4-1 World Cup defeat by France. "Pat Jennings (Ireland's goalkeeper) and I are both keen on Irish Folk Music," Armstrong explains. "When we're away with the Irish squad, we spend hours listening to tapes in our bedroom."

Armstrong's popularity has its roots in the fact that he is a footballer with whom the general public can easily identify. He has reached the top through hard work as opposed to outstanding technical skills, and he is as unpretentious and unadorned now as when he came into the game. He still prefers to drive a "V" registration Cortina, and spends most of his spare time at home.

Born and raised in the troubled area of West Belfast, Armstrong, who has five sisters and three brothers, comes from a family much more interested in Gaelic football than soccer. It was in that sport that Armstrong first made his name — he played for the famous Belfast club St. John's GAC (his grandfather was one of the founders), and recalls that the age of 25, he was looked upon "as a sort of wonder boy." But he

turned his attention to soccer at 18, as a result of being sent off in a Cup match for fighting, and harnessed for six months, and not long afterward was signed by the Irish League club Bangor City.

By that time Armstrong, who had left school with six O-Levels and A-levels in technical drawing and woodwork, was quite content with a lifestyle which revolved around his football, and a job in the local council's commercial property department. His football potential, though, created considerable interest among English League clubs (Arsenal and Tottenham) especially and Tottenham bought him for £30,000 in November 1975.

Tottenham's manager, then Terry Neill, described him as "a rough diamond at a bargain price." But he was never able to polish his technical skills sufficiently to enable him to command a regular first team place and in November 1980 he was sold to Watford for £750,000.

Many will find it extraordinary that the exceptionally powerful Armstrong (he stands 6ft and weighs 13 stones) has generally made a bigger impact for his country than his clubs. He himself though doesn't find the anomaly difficult to explain. "In the English League, you're under pressure all the time... defenders don't give you a second to dwell on the ball. In international football they tend to be a bit frightened to

commit themselves."

He is at his most effective when going forward with the ball, as opposed to being forced to accept passes with his back to the opposing goal and his marker breathing down his neck.

One of the reasons why he has derived so much pride in his World Cup performances is that they have helped stimulate his Watford colleagues. "If Gerry can roast people at this level," manager Graham Taylor told them, "just think what you could do."

"My football is like everything I do," Armstrong adds, "Not particularly good, but not particularly bad either."



Jennings ... shares love for folk music

With a late goal in European Cup tie

Boniek dampens Villa's hopes

LONDON, March 3 (R) — Paolo Rossi, goal-punching hero of Italy's World Cup triumph last year, struck swiftly for Juventus Wednesday night and helped send English holders Aston Villa sprawling to a 2-1 defeat in their European Cup defense.

Rossi, whose match-winning exploits in Spain made him European footballer of the year, plundered a goal after just 40 seconds in their quarterfinal first-leg clash in Birmingham.

England's new international Gordon Cowans pulled back the deficit in the second half, matching Rossi's header with one of his own, but Polish World Cup star Zbigniew Boniek hit the second for Juventus eight minutes from the end.

It was a dismal day for England, seeking to extend their European Cup reign to seven years. Liverpool, winners of the trophy in 1977, 1978 and 1981, suffered a 2-0 defeat in Poland against unfancied Widzew Lodz. Widzew, Boniek's old club, stunned Liverpool with second half goals from Miroslaw Tlokiniski and substitute Wieslaw Wraga.

West German champions Hamburg virtually booked their passage to the semifinals when they swamped Dynamo Kiev 3-0.

Bayero Munich, Aston Villa's victims in last year's European Cup final, took no advantage from their home tie against Scottish League leaders Aberdeen in the cup winners' Cup which ended in a goalless draw.

Cup winners' Cup holders Barcelona also featured in a 0-0 first leg draw, but they will hold home advantage in the return against Austria Vienna when they hope to welcome back \$8.8 million Argentine Diego Maradona after his long bout of hepatitis. Barcelona were without four other players, all suspended after the bruising "Supercup" defeat by Aston Villa in January.

Spanish Rivals Real Madrid extracted a 1-1 draw in Italy against Inter Milan in the same Cup winners' Cup quarterfinal series. Italian World Cup player, Gabriele Oriani

put Inter ahead in the first half but Ricardo Gallego levelled for Real after the interval.

The only Cup winners' Cup match which did not end in a draw saw French hopes Paris St. Germain beat Waterschei of Belgium 2-0. Luis Fernandez and Jean-Marc netted the goals either side of the interval.

West German Kaiserslautern threw away a 3-0 lead against Universitatea Craiova of Romania to end their UEFA Cup clash with only a 3-2 edge. Full-back Andreas Brehme scored twice for Kaiserslautern, who lost World Cup defender Hans-Peter Briegel with a strained muscle in the first half. Craiova center-back Irimescu netted an own goal and got booked, but teammates Georgau and Crisan pulled two back in the second half.

Valencia, who won the Cup winners' Cup in 1980, suffered a 1-1 home defeat against Anderlecht of Belgium while Bohemians Prague gained a 1-0 first leg advantage over visiting Scots Dundee United in the fourth UEFA Cup clash.

United stumbles against Stoke

LONDON, March 3 (AFP) — Liverpool might have lost their European Champions' Cup quarterfinal match in Poland Wednesday night but their chances of winning the English league title again took a massive bound forward as their nearest challengers, Watford and Manchester United, were both beaten.

Watford had a horror-night at Norwich losing 3-0 while United lost for the first time this year, their first reverse in 13 games, 1-0 at Stoke.

Norwich's win moved them off the bottom rung of the table. They were helped by former England center half Dave Watson's first league goal of the season and Dutchman Dennis Van Wyk's first in English football.

A goal midway through the second half by defender-cum-striker Brendan O'Callaghan was enough to boost Stoke City's chances of a place in Europe next season, but virtually extinguished Manchester United's championship dreams.

Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	28	15	6	3	65	23	63
Watford	28	15	4	9	49	31	49
Man. United	28	13	9	6	37	22	48
Nott. Forest	28	13	6	9	42	36	45
Aston Villa	28	13	3	12	40	37	42

4 Villa fans stabbed in Birmingham clash

LONDON, March 3 (AFP) — Four Italian football fans were helping police with their inquiries after a fight in Birmingham last night when four Aston Villa fans were stabbed.

Police said the condition of one of the injured supporters was critical. The clash between the rival fans came outside the ground within minutes of the end of the Juventus team's European Cup quarterfinal first-leg 2-1 win over Aston Villa, the holders of the trophy.

After the stabbing police stopped two coaches and a minibus carrying Italians from the ground and questioned those on board. "Four people, all apparently Italian, are now helping us with our inquiries," said a police spokesman. He said the injured Villa fans had been detained in Birmingham General Hospital. About 1,000 Juventus supporters made the trip from Turin to cheer their side on.

Soccer results

EUROPEAN CUP				ENGLISH-DIVISION ONE			
Aston Villa	1	Juventus	2	Norwich	3	Watford	0
Sporting Lisbon	1	Real Sociedad	0	Man. City	0	Everton	0
Widzew Lodz	2	Liverpool	0	Stoke	1	Man. United	0
Dynamo Kiev	0	Hambourg	3				
UEFA CUP				DIVISION THREE			
Roma	1	Benfica	2	Exeter	3	Lincoln	1
Bohemians Prague	2	Dundee United	0	Oxford	5	Bradford	1
Kaiserslautern	3	Universitatea	2				
Valencia	1	Anderlecht	2	DIVISION FOUR			
CUP WINNERS' CUP				Hartlepool	2	Port Vale	2
Inter Milan	1	Real Madrid	1	Hereford	0	Stockport	3
Paris St. Germain	2	Waterschei	1	Torquay	1	Blackpool	3
Austria Vienna	0	Barcelona	0	SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION			
Bayero Munich	0	Aberdeen	0	Dundee	1	Glasgow Rangers	0
				DIVISION TWO			
				Albion Rovers	0	Berwick	1
				Forfar	2	Brechin	0
				Queen of South	4	Montrose	0

Struggling Brighton could hammer out a bright 'case'

LONDON, March 3 (AP) — Two years ago Jimmy Case was helping Liverpool to win the English soccer championship. Now he is in less glamorous company — propping up unfashionable Brighton in its struggle to stay in the First Division.

Most of this season Brighton has looked in danger of finishing in the last three and going down. But in the last two weeks Case has brightened his team's prospects with two golden goals.

First he scored one of the goals that knocked Liverpool out of the English Cup in one of the biggest upsets of the year. Then on Tuesday night he scored another — and it gave Brighton its first away win of the season in the league. The south coast team edged Swansea 2-1 and got a lift from the bottom of the standings.

The hurly midfielder is still having a big say in the English League, though now it is at the bottom end of the standings instead of the top. This Saturday Brighton has to visit West Ham, which has been off form lately. If Case can help pull off another miracle, Brighton will begin to feel safer.

Norwich, Birmingham, Luton and Sunderland are all involved with Brighton in the struggle to avoid relegation. Sunderland and Luton have home games Saturday — Sunderland against Everton and Luton against West Bromwich. Norwich has to visit in-form Aston Villa. Birmingham travels to Ipswich and Swansea to Southampton.

Liverpool, going for its fourth league title in five years, has been slipping a bit lately. England's super-team suffered a shock 2-0

defeat against Widzew Lodz of Poland in the first leg of an European Cup of Champions quarterfinal.

But Liverpool is so far ahead in the race for the English championship that it looks almost impossible for its rivals to catch up. Liverpool is at home to Stoke City Saturday. It will start that game so far ahead of Watford and Manchester United that it can afford to lose a game or two. Liverpool would still be favorite for the title.

Watford has an away match against Coventry. Manchester United travels across the city to visit its local rival Manchester City, which has been going through a bad time since losing its manager John Bond.

LAUSANNE (R) — Olympic and International Football officials have failed to agree on proposals for professional players to take part in the soccer tournament at next year's Games in Los Angeles. A joint meeting of International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Football Federation (FIFA) officials to discuss the issue ended inconclusively late Wednesday, the IOC said Thursday.

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — American Tom Sieckmann and Jim Rutledge of Canada set a scorching pace with six-under par 66 to take a one-stroke lead in the opening round of the four-day, \$150,000 Malaysian Open Golf Tournament at the Subang National Golf Club here Thursday. Terry Gale of Australia and Filipino Frankie Miaoza



EYES ON THE BALL: Benfica's Shen (center) tries to wriggle past Roma's Roberto Pruno (right) and Di Bartolomei as colleague Nene (extreme left) looks on during the UEFA Cup clash in Rome Wednesday. Benfica won 2-1.

Italy banks on veterans

REGGIO CALABRIA, Italy, March 3 (R) — Italy will place their Davis Cup tennis hopes squarely on the shoulders of three veterans when they take on Ireland in a championship division first round tie starting Friday.

Adriano Panatta, 32, whose Davis career spans 13 years, 30-year-old Corrado Barazzutti, and Paolo Bertolucci, 31, will represent Italy along with Panatta's 23-year-old brother Claudio. The younger Panatta will face Sean Sorensen in the opening singles at the Rocco Polimeni Tennis Club. Barazzutti plays Matt Doyle, born in California but an Irish citizen, in the day's second singles. While Adriano will team with long-time partner Pertolucci in the Saturday doubles against Sorensen and Doyle.

Meanwhile, Britain could face big problems in their tie against Australia in Adelaide. Australians Paul McNamee and impressive 17-year-old Pat Cash will be playing on their favored grass courts, while Britons Buster Mottam and John Lloyd are self-confessed grass haters.

This is the first time that Lloyd has been included in Britain's team for three years, and a great performance from Mottam will be needed to give them any chance. Both are provisionally named for the doubles as well. Cash will play Lloyd first and McNamee faces Mottam. The reverse singles will be played Sunday.

In Asuncion, Paraguay return to Davis Cup tennis after a 51-year absence but are

unlikely to survive their first round clash against a strong Czechoslovak team. Paraguay have never got beyond the first round of the tournament, while Czechoslovakia won the Davis Cup in 1980.

World No. 1 Ivan Lendl heads the Czechoslovak team which includes experienced players Pavel Slozil and Tomas Smid. Paraguay will be pinning their hopes on Victor Pecci.

A recently held conference, which was attended by more than 100 delegates, agreed that one urgent task was to improve methods of competition and training. The delegates also agreed to experiment with recruiting coaches through advertisements or recommendations by sports associations.

Xinhua did not elaborate on the plan to build a national sports complex in Peking, but said China also would modernize sports facilities in five or six other cities. Li said athletic fields for National Games are expected to be built in every provincial capital.

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Dog Detective Ranjha

⑨ The case of the dancing ghost

By Partap Sharma

It all began with a visit to us of a fat, round man in a suit smelling of petrol. Obviously, his suit had just been drycleaned. As he sat in a cane chair in the garden talking to Woof, I sniffed him and he eyed me with a kind of wary interest.

"Don't worry," Woof said, "that's just his way of getting acquainted. He sniffs everyone he meets."

The fair-complexioned fat man quivered like a jelly and gave a blubbery sort of laugh.

"Oh I'm not worried," he said. "I love dogs. In fact, it's because of him that I've come to see you."

"Oh?"

"My name is Dr. Modi," said the man, handing Woof his card. "I'm hoping to set up a sanitarium for convalescing patients on a large property between Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar. I'm being offered the place quite cheap. It has a beautiful old rambling house on it and magnificent views. Thirty-seven acres altogether."

"It sounds good," said Woof.

"Yes, just what I need. My patients will be delighted with it. Many of them are suffering from nervous complaints brought on by the pressures of city life. They'll find it most restful. But there is a problem."

"Ah."

"The place is said to be haunted. With a ghost prancing about, my patients would be reduced to nervous wrecks."

"No doubt," Woof said. "But what sort of a ghost is this supposed to be?"

"Rather an attractive one. A female ghost of great beauty," Dr. Modi indulged in another blubbery laugh and gave me a friendly pat. His hand smelt of carbolic soap and Old Spice after-shave lotion.

"Has anyone ever seen this ghost?"

"Oh yes," said Dr. Modi and now he took out a colored handkerchief and dabbed at his brow. "The fact is, I've seen her myself."

"What?"

Dr. Modi nodded. "A pale sinuous figure dancing in the moonlight, holding a severed head in her hand."

Woof looked carefully at Dr. Modi for some time. Then he asked, "And is there some weird story behind this occurrence?"

"Of course. There always is, isn't there? People in the village of Gohad, which is about two miles away, say that it's the ghost of a young English lady who discovered one night that her brother had been murdered and beheaded. They say that she became hysterical and ran about in a state of undress, holding aloft the head of her brother. Poor woman!"

"Surely you don't think the story is true?"

"Well," Dr. Modi laughed uncomfortably now. "I've seen the ghost so I suppose I must believe the story. The house is pretty old. Its style and architecture are British. Various British families lived there during the course of the last century and a half. Who can tell what took place in all that time or what didn't? Legends are sometimes the residue of history."

A servant carried out a tray of tea and set it down on the cane table. Dr. Modi sipped at his cup thoughtfully. Woof pursed his lips and continued to stir his tea.

After a while, Dr. Modi said, "The sanitarium will need to employ people locally. We'll need sweepers, gardeners, maid-servants. But no one from the village of

Gohad is prepared to come and work there."

"Perhaps they prefer to do their own farming or whatever."

"Oh no, that's not it. They need jobs. They're only too happy to work in an American establishment half a mile away. And they work for some of the bigger strawberry farms in the neighborhood."

"Hm. You said you had come to see us because of Ranjha. May I ask what you had in mind?"

"I'd like you to investigate this ghost. I thought of going to the police, but I'd look very silly, wouldn't I? I mean, they'd think me mad to be complaining about a ghost!"

"When does this thing appear? Does it have a preference for certain timings and certain nights?"

"I'm afraid not. It could appear any night, any time," Dr. Modi put down his cup of tea and laughed again. He added, "It would be easier if it was like other ghosts and came on the stroke of midnight or only on full moon nights."

Woof didn't seem too keen on spending his nights in some lonely spot waiting for a creature that might not appear. Sensing this, Dr. Modi took out a check book and wrote out a check. He handed it to Woof who looked at it in some surprise.

"Please," said Dr. Modi, "accept this as half the fee. I'm giving this to you in advance so that you realize that I'm prepared to pay even if it turns out to be a waste of your time. But I assure you, this is not a wild goose chase. The ghost exists and it must be laid to rest once and for all or I shall never be able to open my sanitarium there."

Woof said, "Dr. Modi, this is a large amount. Ranjha and I are not really professionals. We just enjoy solving mysteries."

"As far as I'm concerned you are professionals from now on. Frankly, if you also saw the ghost, it would reassure me. You see, I'm beginning to doubt my own sanity. If that sight could so frighten me, imagine what it would do to my patients!"

"And if I do see the ghost, then?"

"You must track it down."

"Track a ghost?"

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"Yes, we can try. Sounds interesting. We've never tracked a ghost before."

All that sounded wonderful on a warm afternoon. But it was a different story waiting out in the cold, night after night, with the wind whistling eerily through the tall dry grass on 37 acres of terraced, deserted land. In the distance, on the top of the hill, the rambling house sprawled like a monster asleep. The branches of a tree waving seemed like a panther about to leap; the surface of the cement tennis court near the house looked like a shimmering pool of water.

Something of Woof's nervousness also communicated itself to me. I often swiveled round fiercely, only to find that the sound had been made by falling leaves. Sometimes I was ready to attack and sometimes to run. I could feel my legs trembling under me. I felt a few times like sleeping but the chill wintry air pinched at my nose and limbs. Woof and I snuggled together for warmth. But out there in the open, sheltered only by the soughing grass, there was no question of relaxing. I hated those nights. They made me far too tense.

Once Woof accidentally touched my tail and I spun round and had his hand in my mouth before I realized it was his.

We heard the jackals and the hyenas, but they must have smelt my presence for they didn't dare approach. On the third night, there was a coughing sound like that of a panther. Woof heard it too. We moved quietly toward our car which was parked in a thicket. From then on we sat in the car and waited. Woof had brought along biscuits for me and a flask of coffee for himself and the waiting became more bearable.

On the fifth night, we saw her. She was dancing on the hard surface of the tennis court and she had in her hands, as Dr. Modi had said, a severed head.

Woof gave a little gasp and froze. He couldn't take his eyes off the swirling figure. It was a maniacal kind of dance. Sometimes she set the head down and swayed and leaped about over it; sometimes she held it up and turned like a top. Her hair swam in the air, floating behind her like weeds in a

river. It was graceful and terrible at the same time.

I nudged Woof with my nose. He seemed to have forgotten why we were there. He gave a little jump in his seat. Then, recovering, he sighed with relief, patted me once and quietly opened the door for me. He whispered, "Arrest!"

I slipped out and raced through the high, swishing grass. I was moving by instinct rather than sight. I jumped from terrace to terrace, making as directly as I could for the tennis court.

She must have seen the movement in the grass for when I got there she had vanished. I charged over the cement surface, crisscrossing it a number of times in a panic of eagerness. In my haste, I forgot for a moment the most elementary part of my training. I should have stayed calm and immediately used my nose.

Now I heard the car door open in the distance and Woof shouting as loudly as he could, "Ranjha, scent! Track! Arrest!" I heard him and stopped. And put my nose to the ground and started meandering in search of a scent. Yes, there it was. Very strong. A human scent. A female scent, mixed with a smell of paint and paper. Suddenly, wbam! I was up against a football-sized object on the ground. It was the severed head.

I touched it with a paw, it rolled over, hollow. It was made of papier-mache, and of course it carried the scent of the woman who had been dancing with it in her hands.

The woman must be hiding somewhere in the darkness, watching me. From the shadows of the house, I heard a gasp and then a scream. I must have seemed pretty frightening myself—a big black-and-tan shape bounding about and then snuffing toward her in the blindness of the night. I could hear her scrambling about now, and then there was the sound of breaking glass and a window being opened and someone wriggling in.

Like a fish being reeled in on a line, I was drawn straight to the window.

She began to scream now, in English, "Help! Help!"

I started to clamber in but she shut the window in my face. I fell back. The next time I sprang straight at the window. The flimsy wooden network broke and more glass shattered. But now she had the back of a chair against the window.

Woof drove up in the car and got out. I barked to let him know that she was inside. He kept the headlights on full beam. A pale, trembling face appeared at the window.



Illustrations by Abdurahim Alireza

"Thank God," she said. "It's only a dog. I thought it was a panther!"

Woof patted me and asked me to relax. Then he helped her out. She was no ghost. She was very much flesh and blood. She was bleeding on her arm and had two splinters of glass in it. Woof removed the splinters and gave her medicine from the first-aid kit in the car.

She was a middle-aged American lady dressed in skin-colored ballet tights.

"What on earth were you doing?" Woof asked.

She seemed a little embarrassed but she explained that she lived in an American establishment run by a sect a short distance from there. She had been in India three years now and had come "to get away from it all" after a car accident had damaged one of her legs. She had been a ballet dancer and the accident had deprived her of the chance of opening on Broadway in a show called *Herod*. She was to have played the female lead, Salome. The show never opened because the backers pulled out after her accident.

"No wonder you looked so familiar just now," Woof said. "I read about your accident. The papers were full of your photographs and comments about how a great career had been ruined."

"Well—" she grinned a little sadly—"I guess I haven't quite given up hope. I had to get away from all that crippling publicity. And here, where no one could see me, I thought I'd practice the part of Salome. Maybe I could still surprise them one day."

"Why not? You still might," said Woof sympathetically. "But why choose such a deserted place as this? And why rehearse at night? I understand that it's difficult for you to perform the dance of the seven veils in the midst of a sect but—"

"It's not that," she protested. "They're quite sweet really. It's just that they'd think me crazy. I mean, I should give up, shouldn't I? After all, I've a permanently injured leg! But I'm going on."

"Right," Woof said. "Right. But, if you don't mind my saying so, this is not New York. You can't traipse about here at night. There really might be a panther or two around."

She nodded and said, "Your dog reminded me of that." She ruffled my hair and tugged at my neck affectionately then she sighed and added, "But, you know, New York is far less safe than this place. You couldn't go about alone at night there because of the human beings. There are

muggings and crimes and—"

Woof interrupted her with a laugh. He said, "I think I have an ideal solution to your problem. You'll be able to patch up your nerves and rehearse at the same time. You'll be able, if you like, to rehearse right here."

"Say on," she said.

"The well-known specialist, Dr. Modi, is turning this place into a sanitarium for convalescents. It could open within a week."

Gee, that's a great idea! How do I meet this Dr. Modi?"

"Leave that to me. He'll be delighted to meet the ghost."

"The ghost? What ghost?"

Woof explained.

She couldn't stop laughing. Eventually she said, "I thought no one could see me here. I had no idea I was striking terror into the district."

"There is one thing I'd still like to ask you," said Woof. How did you seem to appear and disappear?"

"Did I? I've no idea."

"From a distance that's how it seemed. One second you were there, another you were not."

"Hold it!" she exclaimed. "I've got it! It must've been my black cape and hood."

She reached in through the window and pulled out her cape. It was a dark woolen one. As she wrapped it round herself and donned the hood, she seemed to merge with the night.

We accompanied her to the back of the house. There she climbed on her bicycle and vanished silently down the back road.

"Well," said Woof to me as we walked back to the car, "tomorrow Dr. Modi can go over and meet the dancing ghost. I'm looking forward to the rest of the fee. We'll buy you a warm rug for cold nights to be spent in the car waiting for ghosts!"

As Woof was about to get into the car, I gave a little growl. He had forgotten something. He looked at me in puzzlement and asked, "What is it?"

I trotted back to the tennis court and picked up the severed head.

"A papier-mache mask," Woof said and chuckling he placed it on the seat beside him in the car.

He telephoned her the next day and told her he had the mask. She was quite happy to let us keep it.

(To be continued Next Friday)

Bookstore bans the short and the ugly

By Peter McGill

TOKYO (LOS) — Wanted: Woman to work in bookshop. Must not be ugly, independent-minded or too intelligent. Minimum height 140 centimeters. Interest in Van Gogh would help. Girls who wear glasses need not apply.

If Japan's Kinokuniya bookshop chain published honest staff advertisements, that is how they might read, it is alleged by trade union officials who claim to have discovered the company's secret list of 23 hiring "guidelines."

The disclosure has led to an uproar from Japanese feminists, the formation of a special group of 20 women employees to fight discrimination and a demand to the Labor Ministry for action against the company, which has branches in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and London.

Kinokuniya says vaguely that most of the guidelines have never been used except in the hiring of part-time workers. As it happens, part-timers make up 40 percent of the store's 800 female staff.

According to Kinokuniya's personnel chief, Masaru Furuchi, the guidelines sprang from a "research meeting" of all the "general affairs" staff at a spa town near Tokyo in 1972. "We asked the members what they considered was good for the company," Furuchi explained.

As a result of that meeting, guidelines were sent out three years later to personnel chiefs of all Kinokuniya's 28 branches in Japan. Furuchi said the guidelines for part-timers were used for only two years until 1975, and that the document was then kept as a record.

Kinokuniya's workers reply that the claim is nonsense, and one women's group says the store has been using the guidelines all along. Among the listed prohibitions are divorced women, those whose husbands are lecturers or writers, those who live away from their families, any who have been nurses, have changed jobs before or who have "spent a lot of time at home doing nothing."

Rules for full-timers are even more rigorous. "Ugly women are to be avoided at all costs," as are "country bumpkins," "stupid women" or those with "rural manners."

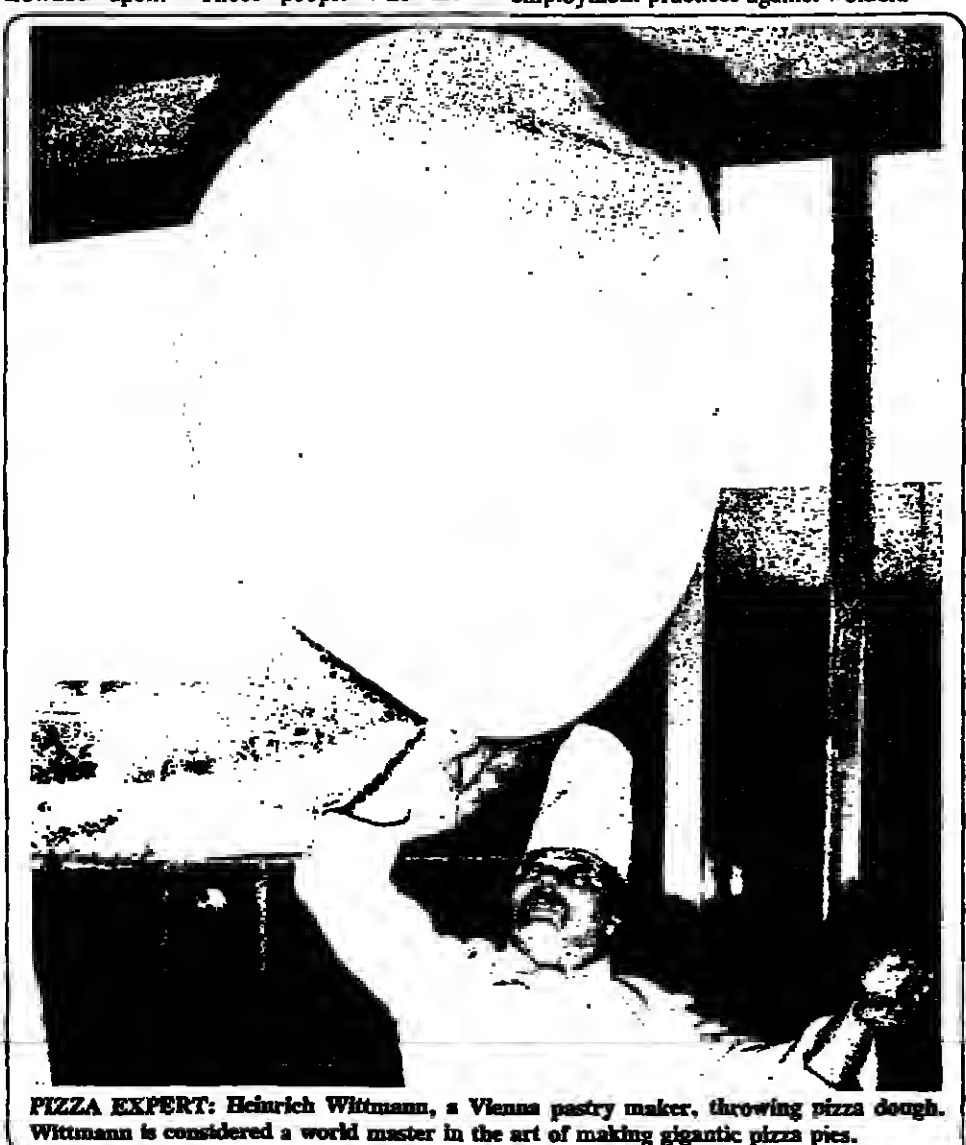
According to Furuchi, those particular conditions were agreed upon after it was discovered a major Japanese bank had been

using them as hiring policy.

"Argumentative women" are not to be employed. Those who have "belonged to school newspaper clubs need to be watched carefully." Anyone who has studied law at university, or has an interest in the law, is frowned upon. "Those people who are

interested in law might tend to refer to a book all the time, and might be prejudiced," Furuchi said.

In November last year, another Japanese company, Sumitomo Corporation, was heavily fined by a U.S. court for discriminatory employment practices against women.



PIZZA EXPERT: Heinrich Wittmann, a Vienna pastry maker, throwing pizza dough. Wittmann is considered a world master in the art of making gigantic pizza pies.

Arabian cuisine: varieties of moussaka

Jeddah — The following are excerpts from the forthcoming book.

Arabian Cuisine, by Anne Marie Weiss-Armush.

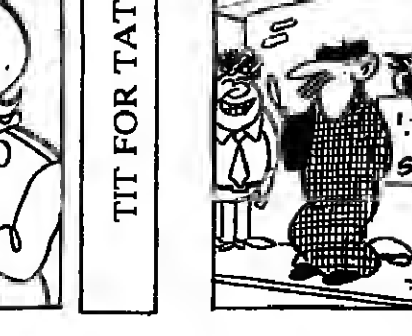
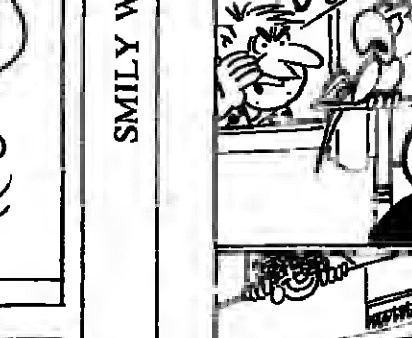
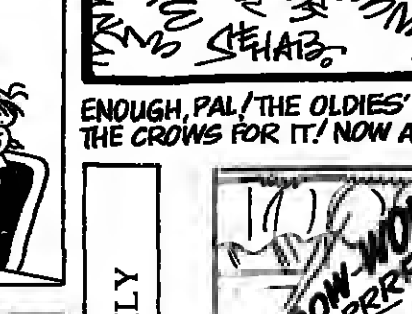
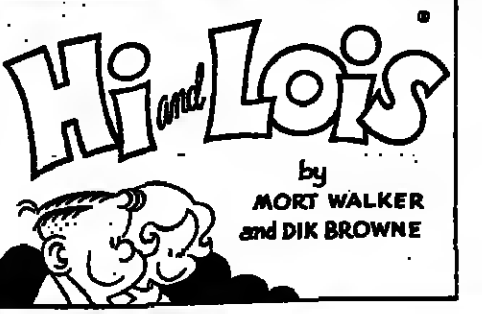
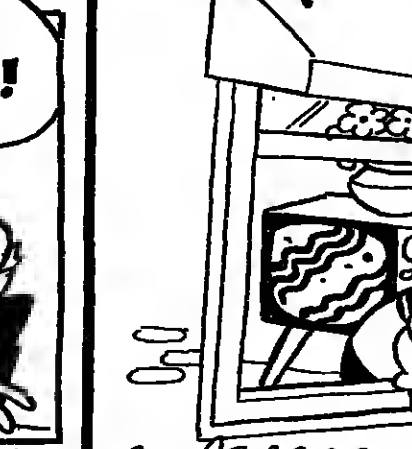
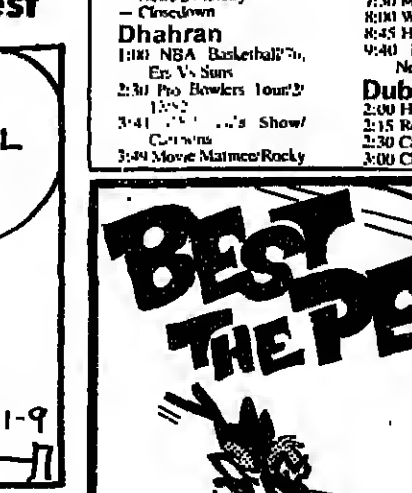
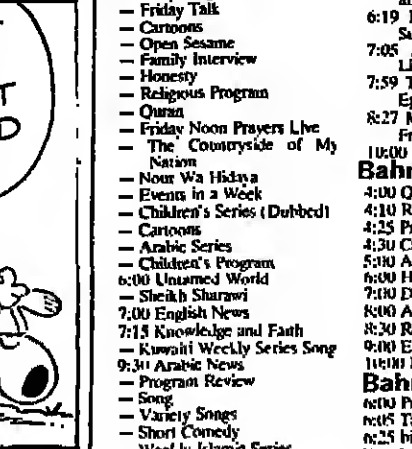
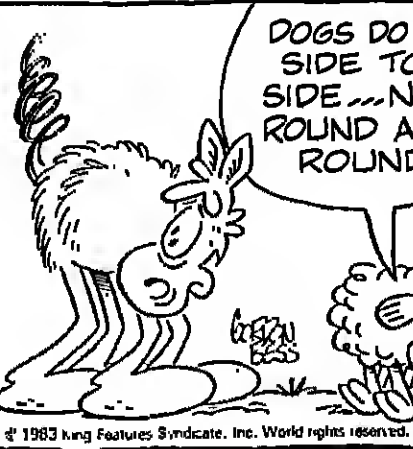
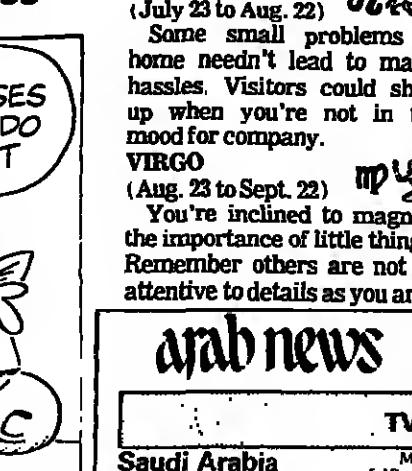
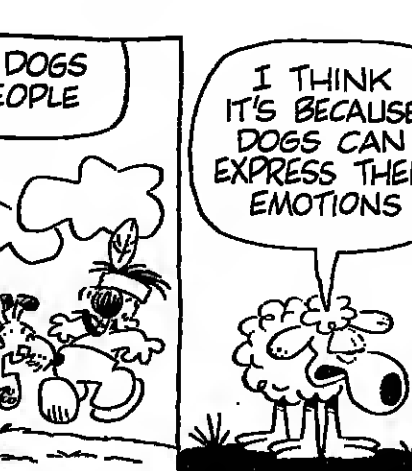
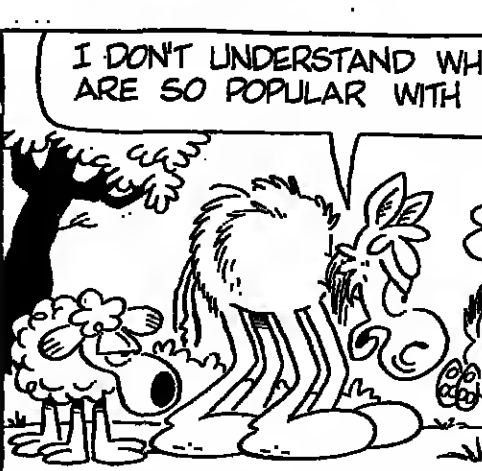
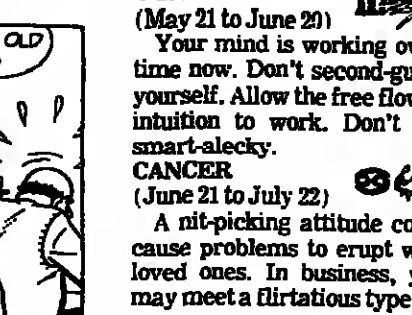
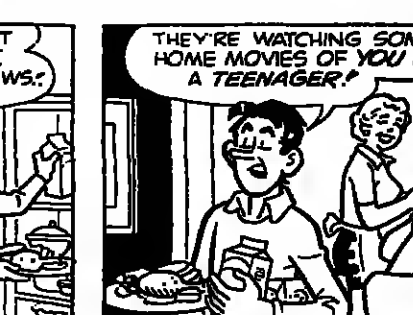
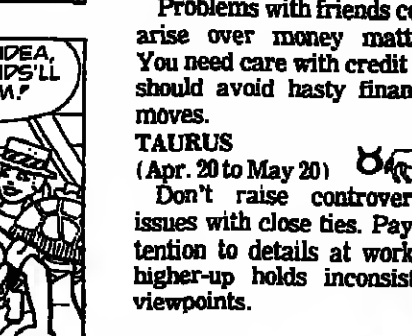
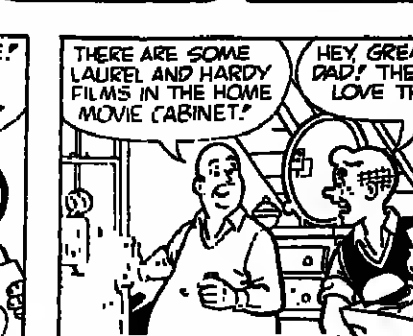
A splendid meal in itself, *moussaka* is a favorite throughout the Middle East.

Moussaka may be prepared with a variety of vegetables, and there is even a rice *moussaka*. But the word has become synonymous with eggplant, and two varieties are described below.

Greek Moussaka

This is the version most widely known in the West; layers of eggplant, tomato and meat sauce, topped with a creamy egg sauce.

Meat sauce:



Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1983

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Problems with friends could arise over money matters. You need care with credit and should avoid hasty financial moves.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Don't raise controversial issues with close ties. Pay attention to details at work. A higher-up holds inconsistent viewpoints.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Your mind is working overtime now. Don't second-guess yourself. Allow the free flow of intuition to work. Don't get smart-alecky.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
A nit-picking attitude could cause problems to erupt with loved ones. In business, you may meet a flirtatious type.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Some small problems at home needn't lead to major hassles. Visitors could show up when you're not in the mood for company.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
You're inclined to magnify the importance of little things. Remember others are not as attentive to details as you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Your judgment may be off when shopping. Be less critical of a date or a child. You may overspend on a hobby or pleasure pursuit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Dieters need extra self-discipline now. Don't blow your stack at a family member if you misplace your keys. You may be short-tempered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
You'll hear your share of gossip. A clandestine relationship is less than fulfilling. Don't date someone already involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Social life is not especially favored. You could overreact to a friend's casual remark. Others are insensitive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
You're inclined to skim the surface in business. Be especially attentive to details. Be sure of your facts before speaking.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
If seeking advice, you'll get conflicting opinions. Instead of studying, students may try to get by on their wits.

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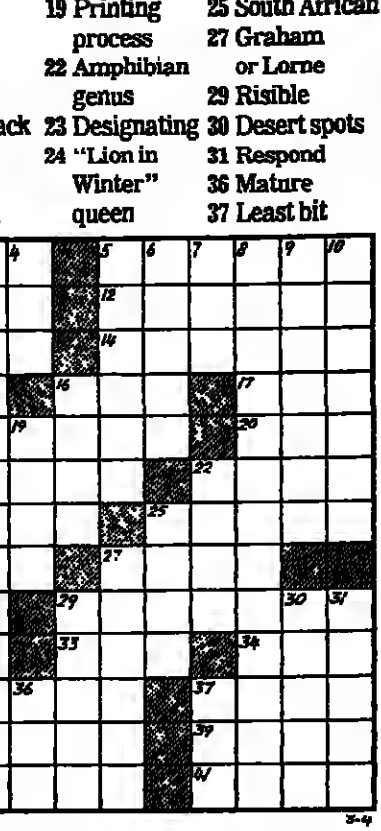
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18 Caspian sturgeon
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26 Counter-tenor
27 All out of
28 Jujube
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33 Bard's adverb
34 Actress, Charlotte
35 — only (nominal)
37 Sub—
38 Head (sl.)
39 With (Fr.)

DOWN
40 European country
41 Nuisance
1 Forms
2 Nitwit
3 Smelled fishy
4 Healthy look
5 —mache
8 Open
7 His (Fr.)
8 Valuable discovery
9 On horseback
10 Hero's love
16 Stragem
19 Printing process
22 Amphibian or Lorne genus
23 Designating
24 "Lion in Winter" queen
25 South African
27 Graham or Lorne
28 Risible
29 Desert spots
31 Respond
36 Mature
37 Least bit



Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Test Your Dummy Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Five Clubs and North leads a trump. You win with the seven, South following suit. How would you play the hand?

♠ A5
♥ 4
♦ A J 102
♣ A Q J 987

♠ Q J 63
♥ K 7
♦ 94
♣ K 10 6 5 2

2. It would be wrong to try to establish the clubs, because this would surely lead to losing two clubs and at least three hearts. The correct play at trick two is the eight of spades, planning to follow low from dummy if North follows low. If South wins the eight with the queen, you have nine tricks; if he wins the eight with the ten, you later finesse the jack, hoping to find North with the queen.

The suggested method of play is sure to succeed if North has either missing spade honor. In effect, it offers a 3-to-1 chance of making the contract, whereas finessing the jack yields only an even chance, and attacking the clubs offers no chance at all.

1. It might seem that the best line of play is to lead a heart at trick two. You'd easily make the contract if North had the ace, whether or not he took it. Even if South had the ace, you'd have a spade finesse to fall back on.

But while it is true that an early heart lead makes you a 3-to-1 favorite to make the contract, you can increase the odds in your favor to about 4 to 1 by entering dummy with a trump at trick two and returning the four of diamonds, planning to finesse if South follows low.

This play sews up the contract whenever South has the K-Q of diamonds (one fourth of the time). The best he can do is play the queen, in which case you take the ace and return a low diamond to the nine. South wins with the king, but is helpless. If he returns a spade, you go up with the ace and don't lose a heart trick; if he returns a heart, he makes dummy's king a trick and you don't lose a spade trick.

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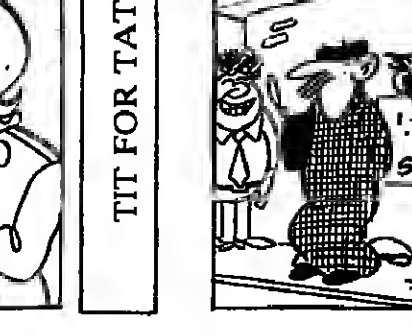
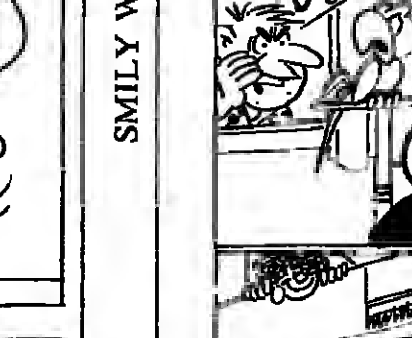
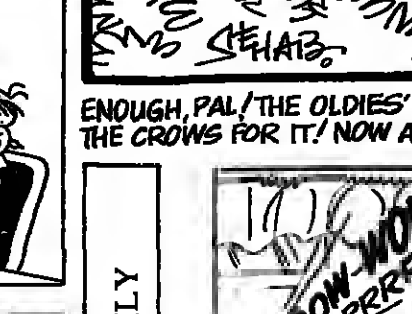
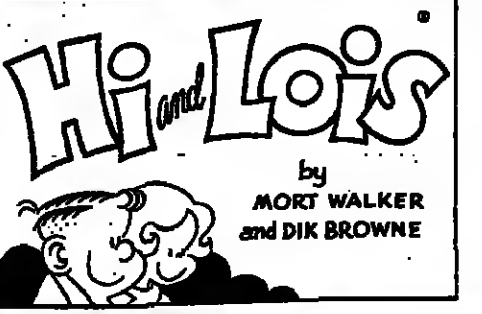
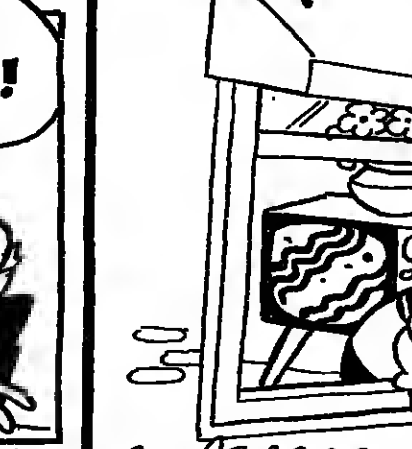
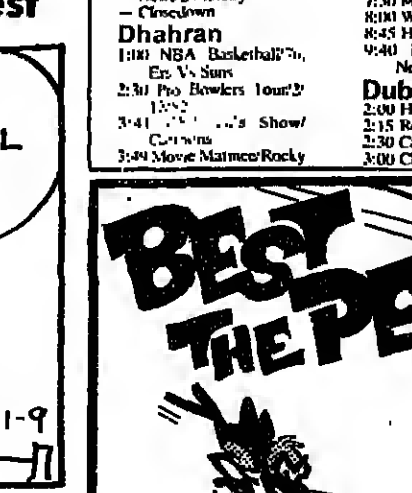
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Rival Chad team sent back Move to oust Egypt from nonaligned fails

NEW DELHI, March 3 (R) — Political disputes surfaced Thursday over Egypt's membership of the Nonaligned Movement and rival claims to represent Chad and Kampuchea as foreign ministers prepared for next week's summit.

Arab foreign ministers turned down a call by Libya and Syria at a strategy session early Thursday for Egypt's expulsion from the 97-member movement because of its 1979 peace treaty with Israel. Libya tried again to raise the issue of Egypt's membership, without success, in the conference of foreign ministers.

It attacked the peace treaty and proposed discussion of a resolution from the last nonaligned summit in Havana in 1979 to consider Egypt's suspension from the movement. But there was no response from other delegates and the chairman, Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, declared the issue closed.

It was not known whether the summit would discuss the question. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is expected to attend the meeting but Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's attendance is uncertain.

Hits of a possible row over the Chad representation emerged when a two-man delegation from the ousted government of Goukouni Oueddei arrived in New Delhi, apparently intending to claim the Chad seat at the conference. But Indian authorities asked them to leave and they were expected

to fly out later in the day, delegates said.

The Chad seat in the nonaligned movement is held by the government of Hissene Habre, which ousted Goukouni last June. Libya, which backs Goukouni, is the only country to have raised the Chad issue at the conference. It objected to the presence of the Chad delegation but had no support from other nations.

The question of who should represent Kampuchea — the Vietnamese-backed government of Heng Samrin in Phnom Penh or a rival anti-Communist coalition led by Prince Sihanouk — turned into a more contentious conference issue. Malaysia, leading attempts by non-Communist Southeast Asian countries to have Prince Sihanouk's coalition, told the foreign ministers Thursday his absence would be a tragedy.

Foreign Minister Ghazali Shafie said a decision by the Havana summit to leave the Kampuchean seat vacant was irregular and arbitrary. Vietnam has vowed to oppose attempts to have Prince Sihanouk's coalition, which the United Nations recognizes as Kampuchea's legitimate government, to take the country's seat in the nonaligned movement.

Hanoi has pressed for the Hoang Samrin government to represent Kampuchea, the only one of the movement's members officially listed as absent from the New Delhi conference because of the Havana resolution.

For backing Israeli aggression Kaddoumi blasts U.S.

NEW DELHI, March 3 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) accused the United States at a meeting of nonaligned foreign ministers Thursday of backing an Israeli attempt to eliminate the Palestinians.

Farouk Kaddoumi, director of the PLO's political department, said Liberation movements were looking to the nonaligned conference for support to help combat apartheid, Zionism and all forms of imperialism.

"We have been exposed to a Zionist invasion (in Lebanon), fully backed by the United States, to wipe out our race and identity," he told the inaugural session of the two-day ministerial meeting.

Kaddoumi was referring to Israel's invasion of Lebanon last June, the exodus of thousands of PLO commandos from Beirut, and the massacre of hundreds of people in two Palestinian refugee camps. He warned the ministers there was a serious threat to world peace unless practical support was offered to liberation movements.

The PLO is a full member of the nonaligned movement and has been elected one of the 22 vice chairmen of the ministerial conference.

Pakistan's foreign minister, Shahbaz Khan, said the seventh nonaligned summit was taking place against a backdrop of "a grim international situation characterized by conflicts and turmoil, a deepening crisis in the international economic system and growing danger of a nuclear war." He made no direct reference to the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, which is looming as a major conference issue.

But he said one of the most important tasks facing nonaligned states was "combating great power policies directed at subjugating independent states."

Millions stream into San Jose

Pope visits handicapped

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 3 (AP) — Pope John Paul II, on a Latin American tour to "share the pain of the people," made an emotional visit Thursday to a hospital for retarded and seriously injured children, touching their heads and caressing their cheeks.

Security guards struggled to keep crowds from surging into the hospital behind the pope. Nurses cried as the pope stopped by the beds of the boys and girls.

Meanwhile, Costa Ricans streamed into the capital, to see the pope. Church leaders predicted as many as 1 million people — two-fifths of the country's population — would congregate at one place to see the pope. Vendors with large piles of watermelons and soft drinks were on hand, and all businesses and government offices were closed. Some people slept in the park overnight, to get good views of the pontiff.

The Polish-born pontiff also met with San Jose's tiny Polish community, and with Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge.

Costa Rica is a peaceful and democratic oasis in Central America, but the pope's

other stops include: El Salvador, where a Civil War rages; Nicaragua, where a guerrilla-led government is trying to rebuild after a revolution; and Guatemala, where a rightist military government is trying to put down a stubborn guerrilla movement.

Some 100,000 people have died in conflict in the region in the last five years — many in Civil War and many others at the hands of death squads linked to rightist elites trying to hold off social change.

The church's role in these conflicts has stirred enormous controversy in the area, and within the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

In a reversal of the traditional alliance of church and Latin American elite before the 1960s, clerics and lay workers have often become targets for assassination for organizing the poor or speaking out against human rights abuses in El Salvador and Guatemala.

The pope declared Wednesday that a war in Central America could turn the area into a deadly staging ground for foreign interests. He also urged bishops to work for peace in this violence-ravaged area.

7 face criminal proceedings

Italy probes plot on Walesa

ROME, March 3 (AP) — Magistrates have told seven men, including four Bulgarians, they are under investigation for a purported plot to kill Polish labor leader Lech Walesa during his trip to Rome in January 1981. Italian news agencies reported Wednesday.

Two of the Bulgarians, Sergei Ivanov Antonov and Todor Aizovov, are already implicated in the shooting of Pope John Paul II in May 1981. Antonov was arrested Nov. 25 and Aizovov is in Bulgaria. Two others being investigated, Ivanov Kolev and Ivan Donchev, are also in Bulgaria.

It was reported earlier this week that only three persons were under investigation. Letters called "judicial communications" have been sent to two Italian labor leaders, Luigi Scricciolo and Salvatore Scordo, and to Mehmet Ali Agca, serving a life sentence for attempted murder of the pope.

The letter tells a suspect he is being investigated and is the first step of a criminal proceeding in Italy, but does not represent a formal charge.

Agca told investigators about the purported plot to plant a bomb under a car Wal-

esa was riding in during his trip to Rome, the agencies ANSA and AGI said. The Turkish gunman was reportedly in Rome at the time.

Judge Ilario Martella, probing the shooting of the pope, turned over Agca's testimony on the purported plot to the magistrates investigating the Scricciolo case. Fernando Imposimato and Rosario Priore.

Scricciolo is in jail on charges of espionage and terrorism. He is suspected of working for Bulgarian spies in the Embassy and of attempting to establish ties between Bulgarians in Rome and the Red Brigades during the kidnapping of U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier by the leftist terrorists in December 1981.

Scricciolo and Scordo are former members of the Socialist-led UTL labor federation that helped arrange Walesa's visit to Rome. On that trip, Walesa met with the pope who praised the independent labor union Solidarity that Walesa led.

Australian polls forecast Labor victory

SYDNEY, March 3 (R) — Australians, disillusioned by rising unemployment and inflation after seven years of conservative rule, seem certain to elect former trade union leader Bob Hawke prime minister in Saturday's general election. If he wins, as all opinion polls now say he will, Hawke will head only the second labor government here since 1949.

A labor victory would end seven years of hard-line monetarist policies the Fraser administration pursued in its efforts to lower inflation. If Fraser's coalition retains power, it has promised "more of the same."

A nationwide swing to Labor of only 1.4 percent would give it the 11 seats it needs to topple the Liberal-National coalition government's existing 21-seat parliamentary majority and Hawke's personal support appears to have ensured this.

The latest poll published Thursday in the main business newspaper, *The Australian Financial Review*, showed 73 percent of those questioned thought labor would win and only

17 percent expected Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser to retain power.

Two major surveys published Wednesday showed labor at least 10 points ahead, a lead it has held since the election was announced on Feb. 3.

Polling on Saturday will end at 8 p.m. (0900 GMT) in eastern states, where most of Australia's nine million voters live, and three hours later in western Australia. The voting trend should be known by about 9 p.m. with the result clear in another hour.

Opinion polls point to a clear labor victory but they also did so in 1980 when Fraser kept up a furious campaign until the end and snatched victory from Bill Hayden, the Labor leader. Commentators have said it is possible, if unlikely, that Fraser could win again if voters decided at the last moment not to gamble on a new government at a time of economic difficulty. Fraser need not have gone to the polls until October when his full three-year term would have expired. Following are the profiles of Fraser and Hawke:

Fraser is dour, ruthless
CANNBERRA, March 3 (R) — Although Malcolm Fraser scores low in personal popularity polls and is frequently called aloof and humorless, he has won every national election since 1975 and become Australia's second-longest serving prime minister. He has held on to power through single-minded drive and a certain amount of ruthlessness, but in this election he faces the toughest test of his political career.

Not only is Australia suffering from some of the worst inflation and unemployment since World War II, but Fraser has never faced new labor leader Bob Hawke, whose fiery oratory and high personal popularity stand in sharp contrast to the prime minister's dour and monotone reputation.

Bitter personal competition between the two men has marked the campaign, with Fraser attacking the power of trade unions and describing Hawke as a "madman." A conservative millionaire farmer, Fraser has dominated Australian politics since he became caretaker prime minister after a government crisis in 1975 and went on to a landslide victory in the subsequent election.

Two later elections reduced his majority to a 23-seat margin. But since 1982 his government has lost popularity as the number of unemployed rose to nearly 10 percent of the workforce, inflation reached 11 percent, and the worst drought in Australia's history continued with no end in sight.

The controversy surrounding Fraser's rise to the prime ministership in 1975 continues to dog him on the campaign trail. In 1975 Governor General Sir John Kerr, the queen's representative who was regarded mainly as a figurehead, sacked the Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and named Fraser as caretaker prime minister after the Labor government was unable to break a par-

Elizabeth gets dinner, boos

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II was feted at an exotic dinner and booted by a handful of demonstrators during her first hours here, and she offered sympathy to California's governor for the fierce weather that has battered the state.

Savage Pacific storms dogged the British monarch in southern California, but week sunshine broke through the clouds as she arrived in the north. Mayor Dianne Feinstein greeted the queen with a handshake as she stepped from a plane onto a red carpet.

Apologizing for the weather, Ms. Feinstein quoted the queen as replying, "oh, it doesn't matter. I'm so pleased to be here."

The queen later sent Governor George Deukmejian a message saying, "Prince Philip and I have been very saddened by the loss of life and damage caused by the storm in California and we send our sincere sympathy to you and everyone in your state who has been affected," according to her press secretary Michael Shea.

The queen's 13-hour itinerary for Thursday included a civic reception followed by a luncheon trip for lunch at Stanford University and a visit to Hewlett-Packard Co., and back again for a state dinner hosted by President Reagan.

The royal motorcade pulled up to the St. Francis Hotel to cheers from 5,000 persons hoping to see through lines of helmeted police. One man toted a 60-pound portrait of the queen crafted of jelly beans. About a dozen protesters chanted "England out of Ireland now."

As the queen dined, 150 demonstrators coagulated on sidewalks near the restaurant, unfurling a banner that said "Ireland united and free" in front of the canopied front entrance for exiting guests to see. One protester was arrested.

Hawke is fiery, skillful
CANNBERRA, March 3 (R) — Bob Hawke's fiery oratory and rugged good looks may be the Labor Party's most important assets in its campaign to govern Australia for only the second time in the last 34 years.

In an election fought as much on personalities as on policies, Hawke's charisma seems as important with voters as the country's gloomy unemployment and inflation statistics, the worst since World War II.

Hawke replaced uninspiring party leader Bill Hayden soon after Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser announced the snap election and the ensuing campaign has been the hottest in Australia's history.

A populist hero whose earlier bouts with

alcoholism and despair were avidly followed by the public, Hawke has a fast-waving campaign style which differs sharply from the aloof image of Fraser, whose liberal-national coalition has been in power since 1975.

Hawke, 53, the son of a rural preacher, has been considered a potential prime minister as long as his family can remember, and has always been committed to getting a better deal for the working man.

Both candidates to be prime minister for the next three years studied at Oxford University in Britain where Hawke, a Rhodes scholar, earned a reputation as a bright man.

His three years studying Australia's arbitration system at Oxford stood him in good stead when he joined the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) as a researcher in 1957. By the 1970s he was ACTU president, and his negotiating prowess earned him the nickname of Australia's "second" prime minister. He was credited with having settled every major labor dispute in those turbulent years.

Under his leadership the union movement began to extend its activities outside the traditional areas of wages and working conditions. Almost single-handedly, Hawke carried the unions with him in an often unpopular campaign to end Australian sporting contacts with South Africa.

Elected president of the Labor Party in 1973, Hawke resigned five years later to devote more time to his union activities. After an earlier attempt to enter parliament failed in the 1960s, he won a seat in his second attempt in 1980 and gave up alcohol and the earthy language that had given him a populist appeal.

Short haircut, long slashing

RICHMOND, California March 3 (AP) — A barber has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon after he allegedly slashed a customer from chest to groin with a straight razor for refusing to pay for a "bad" haircut, police said.

According to police reports about the Tuesday afternoon slashing, barber Clinton Crowder, 40, was arrested after he returned to Oweo's barber shop and was pointed out to police by witnesses.

Willie May, 44, was released from a hospital Wednesday following treatment of multiple knife wounds. Witnesses told police the incident was triggered when May complained that his hair was too short and threatened to leave without paying the \$8 bill.

Clinton allegedly slashed May down the front of his body as May left the shop, police said. May ran outside and hit the side of a passing car before slumping to the sidewalk where he was then slashed three more times, witnesses said.

offering "a lonely woman" a home in return for companionship and a little help about the house. The housekeeper got 25 kroner (\$3) a week.

For that, she did all house and garden work and was forced to walk all round the neighborhood, delivering old clothes and other charity to the poor.

There never was food for more than one in the house, and Miss Rasmussen often ate it, leaving the housekeeper to beg money and food from neighbors.

"Many nights I slept on the bare floor outside her door, ready to respond to her summons," Miss Hansen said. "Whenever visitors came to the house, I was sent away."

Miss Hansen could not fully explain why she had succumbed to such tyranny, other than that "I was scared of her."

Six young Guatemalans executed

GUATEMALA, March 3 (Agencies) — Six Guatemalans sentenced to death for subversion were executed by firing squad at dawn Thursday in the city's main cemetery. Firemen who removed the bodies con-

firmed the executions. Newsmen were not allowed to watch and there has been no official announcement. The executions took place only four days before Pope John Paul II's arrival here.

The six men were found guilty by the military court of kidnapping and unspecified acts of terrorism.

Secrecy shrouds the anti-guerrilla military tribunals set up by Gen. Efraim Rios Montt last July as part of his campaign against leftist insurgency. Officials say the courts' venue and judges are not disclosed to protect their members from assassination attempts.

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min		Max			Min		Max			
	C	F	C	F		C	F	C	F		
Amsterdam	2	36	6	43	clear	Manila	22	72	34	93	clear
Athens	6	43	10	50	rain	Miami	14	57	26	79	clear
Bahrain	14	57	20	68	clear	Montreal	-4	25	2	36	cloudy
Bangkok	26	79	32	90	clear	Moscow	-14	7	-7	19	clear
Beirut	10	50	18	64	cloudy	New Delhi	16	61	26	79	clear
Belgrade	1	34	4	39	cloudy						
Berlin	0	32	3	37	cloudy	New York	6	43	15	59	clear
Brussels	2	36	7	45	clear	Nicosia	5	41	16	61	cloudy
Buenos Aires	11	52	23	73	clear	Oslo	-2	28	0	32	cloudy
Calcutta	10	50	24	75	clear	Paris	0	32	8	46	clear
Chicago	-1	30	19	66	clear	Peking	1	34	8	46	clear
Copenhagen	-2	30	2	36	cloudy	Rome	4	39	16	61	rain
Frankfurt	-1	30	6	43	cloudy	San Francisco	11	52	16	61	rain
Geneva	-3	27	6	43	cloudy	Seoul	8	46	16	61	clear
Helsinki	-14	7	5	23	clear	Singapore	24	75	35	95	clear
Hong Kong	17	63	19	66	cloudy	Stockholm	9	48	16	61	clear
Jakarta	24	75	30	86	rain	Sydney	21	70	27	81	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain						
Lisbon	10	50	23	73	clear	Taipei	19	66	0	77	clear
London	6	43	10	50	cloudy	Tokyo	6	43	17	63	clear
Los Angeles	16	61	18	64	rain	Vancouver	4	39	9	48	cloudy
Madrid	4	39	20	68	clear	Vienna	1	34	8	46	cloudy

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